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Your response to the following three questions should be in 12-point font and double-spaced. Your essay responses should be 1-2 paragraphs long. Type your first and last name at the top right corner of each page.

Please Note: You must email your essays as Microsoft Word attachments to achan@coro.org by **noon on Sunday, April 26th**.

ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. Tell us who you are. You can describe your background, values, significant experiences from your past, and/or special hobbies/interests that have helped to shape your identity.
 2. Describe the most challenging obstacle that you have had to overcome. Discuss the impact it has had on you and what you have learned from the experience.
 3. What are your reasons for applying to the Exploring Leadership Program? How will you apply your leadership training in your school or neighborhood community?
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WRITING TIPS. Strong essay responses...

1. Answer the entire question, including all sub-points,
2. Are specific, compelling, and use demonstrable evidence and examples,
3. Demonstrate your perspective and skills
4. Reflect on past experiences, and
5. Use an essay format, rather than subheadings or bullets, to address all of the sub-points.

Additionally:

- **Think, then write.** Self-reflection is an important part of the essay writing-process. Map out or brainstorm what you want to say before you actually start writing your essay. Taking the time to develop your response will better enable you to answer the essay questions in an effective way.
 - **Be yourself!** The best essays we see are ones where we feel as though we have gotten to know the person writing them. Hearing your voice come through your words is important to us.
 - **Proofread.** It is often helpful to have a close friend or someone who knows you well - read over your essays. This person can tell you if the "real" you shines through in your writing. Also, check for spelling and grammar errors by using spelling and grammar check in Microsoft Word and/or having a friend, family member, teacher proofread for any errors.
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