

# LEWIS UNIVERSITY

## MASTER of ARTS in ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

### PERSONAL ESSAY

At Lewis University the faculty continues a long tradition of respect for our learners, and a real desire to assure that students will prosper in their studies. The application process is an integral part of that tradition.

The goal of the application process is to assure that learners will benefit from this course of graduate study, and that learners will enrich the learning environment. In the application process, we will gather materials on your educational background (e.g. transcripts) and two references. These resources assist our faculty to consider the perspectives of others.

The personal essay invites you to tell us how your background has prepared you for graduate study in organizational leadership. While guidelines are offered, there is a 'best' way to answer the questions offered. This is your opportunity to tell the faculty what important values you bring to graduate study.

Personal essays are to be three to four pages in length. This essay should address the following:

- How has your life experience prepared you for this course of graduate study?
- How has your work experience prepared you for this course of study?
- What are your models of organizational leadership? Please tell us one short story about one of these models.
- What do you believe will be your greatest contributions to the learning environment?
- What three goals would you bring to graduate study?

The document should contain:

- Cover sheet with the following information:
  - Name
  - Contact Information
  - Candidate for the MA – Organizational Leadership
  - Personal Essay
  - Date
- Three to four, typed, double-spaced pages
- 12 font, New Times Roman preferred
- First person narrative is preferred

Please return essay to: **Lewis University**  
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**Attention: MA in Organizational Leadership**