**Hubbard School Major Application – Writing Questions**

Your name and student ID number should be placed at the upper right-hand corner. The online application will require the document to be in PDF format. Save the document as [Last name, first name, writing].

The goal of these questions is to learn more about you, your interests in HSJMC majors, and your career aspirations. Your responses will also serve as a writing sample for the admissions committee to assess your ability to think and write clearly. The committee will want to see that your interests in the major align with the course planning form you submit and correspond to the areas of study offered in the major.

Guidelines:

* Be sure to write fully developed paragraphs in which you organize your thoughts.
* In addition, please make sure to proofread your submission by checking your spelling, grammar and punctuation.
* It’s expected that you use your own voice and your own words and not artificially generated content.
* To answer the first question, take a look [here](https://hsjmc.umn.edu/undergraduate/majors-minors/explore-majors) at some of the areas you can study and professional areas in the journalism and strategic communication majors.
* Answer the two (or three, if applicable) following sets of questions.

**1. Why do you want to become a journalism or strategic communication major?**

Explain what you hope to learn in the major and why. What courses and/or program opportunities interest you and why do they interest you? What do you see as your academic strengths and professional goals, and how do you see this major helping you achieve them? If you have been involved in extracurricular activities, media, leadership, or community activities in high school or college, how have they contributed to your interests and goals in journalism or strategic communication? [min 250 words; max 500 words]

**2. Tell us more about yourself.** Share only what makes you comfortable. How do you describe yourself to others? What are your interests? What is important to you? How have your life experiences shaped your identity and interests as they relate to your interest in journalism or strategic communication? [min 250 words; max 500 words]

**Optional: If any, explain any extenuating circumstances or important information related to your GPA.** [max 250 words]