Essay
Applicants must submit an autobiographical essay (up to 750 words) indicating the factors that have brought them to their present focus of intellectual interests and spiritual formation, with some discussion of vocational objectives. The essay should also address the applicant’s goals and expectations of their selected master’s degree.

Essay Guidelines
1. The writing sample is an important part of your application. Please take this opportunity to demonstrate your ability to communicate at a graduate level. Spelling, word usage, and mechanics will be evaluated.
2. Make certain you have a logical sequence of thought. One paragraph is not long enough to develop your ideas.
3. The use of reference materials, including dictionaries, encyclopedias, and web resources is prohibited. The essay should demonstrate your own ability to articulate thought and reason. The use of another person’s material will be considered plagiarism and is prohibited.
4. Your essay should be typed and double-spaced with 12 point font and 1” margins.
5. Please incorporate all essay objectives throughout the body of your essay.

Returning Your Essay
Please e-mail your completed essay to the Harrison School of Graduate Studies at the following address: graduateadmissions@sagu.edu.

Questions
Our graduate staff is available Monday-Friday 8am-5pm CST.
Please contact our office with any questions or needs 1.888.YES.SAGU, ext 4815 or by e-mail: graduateadmissions@sagu.edu.