

### Essay questions for 2019 TRIP@WTHS Application

1. Why do you want to participate in the TRIP Initiative? How will this experience benefit your career goals/future?
2. Do you participate in extracurricular activities through your school?
3. If you answered yes to the previous question, please describe each activity and your role.
4. How do you spend your time outside of school?
5. Describe a characteristic that best represents you, and then provide a concrete example from the last year that clearly SUPPORTS your assertion.
6. What would your best friend say is your biggest weakness? Explain.
7. Describe a time when you were in a stressful situation and the tools that you used to deal with, and then overcome the situation?
8. In the future, what are you interested in studying? Why this/these particular field(s)?
9. What is a scientific discovery or concept that interests you? How and why did this discovery/concept capture your interest?
10. What do you think will be the hardest thing to overcome if humans endeavor to travel to other galaxies? Explain your opinion.
11. Have you participated in any hands-on research programs outside of your high school (excludes Science Fair, Science Olympiad, etc.)? Please note that research experience is NOT REQUIRED to be considered for this program (quite the opposite!). If yes, please list your mentor, their contact information and give a brief description of your research project (100 words or less).
12. The application and interview process for the TRIP Initiative is highly competitive—generally less than 20% of applicants are accepted. What other information do you think is important for the review panel to know about you, which might make you stand apart from other applicants? Hint: Don't just repeat the information already contained in this application, instead, use this question to sell the reviewers on YOU!