Reflective writing is a fundamental part of the Houghton experience. In the absence of exams, professors rely heavily on the students’ writing ability to assess learning.

The following assignment is an integral part of the Houghton College Adult Education Program admission process. Students are also asked to write an additional essay at the end of Terms I and II which will be included in their final capstone course.

In all of these assignments, we are interested in both the quality of your writing and the thoughtfulness of the ideas we find in your essay. Therefore, please give careful thought to your essay and write at a collegiate level.

ASSIGNMENT:

Please choose ONE (1) of the following questions to answer. Your response should be approximately 750 words. Please indicate on your essay which question you are answering.

1. Who are you now?
   - What are your various strengths?
   - What are your various weaknesses?

Who do you want to become?
   - Who inspires or motivates you?
   - What aspirations do you have upon degree completion?

2. Reflect on your past experiences, both good and bad. Drawing from those experiences, what is motivating you to pursue the study of management at this time?

3. A generous donor has given you a year-long stipend allowing you to take a year off with all expenses and responsibilities covered. How would you spend your time?

Please submit the essay in word processed form, with your name at the top left of each page. Formatting should be double-spaced, 1” margins, 12-point font, and numbered pages.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ESSAY AS AN EMAIL ATTACHMENT OR USE THE ONLINE SUBMISSION FORM.