1. If you meet our stated eligibility criteria, please write an essay in 250 words or less on the topic listed below.

2. Email your essay to Ms. Jenny Barajas at jbarajas@westernu.edu on or before the deadline of July 1 (of the entering class year).

3. Please include your name at the top of your essay page. The essay must be a word document no more than one page, typed, and double-spaced using 10-12 point font size.

**Essay Topic:**

Explain how you intend to use your background, culture, or life experiences to contribute to the understanding of diversity in the learning environment and contribute to the service of underrepresented populations.