

Queen's Commerce 2025/2026 Admissions Written Rubric

SCORE	CRITERIA
DEVELOPING (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The applicant provides a vague or superficial account of a challenge or does not address the specific question being asked.• Shows little to no evidence of initiative adaptability, and/or persistence• Little attempt at problem-solving• Lacks meaningful reflection or learning.
BASIC (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The applicant identifies a challenge with some detail but gives a limited or surface-level description of their actions.• Demonstrates minimal initiative, adaptability and/or persistence• There is an attempt at problem-solving• Minimal reflection and/or connection to personal growth.
COMPETENT (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The applicant describes a clear and relevant challenge.• Demonstrates some initiative, adaptability and/or persistence• Problem-solving that shows some effort and thought, as appropriate.• Reflection includes a few insights into what they learned and/or connection to personal growth
STRONG (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The applicant presents a specific, well-articulated example of a significant challenge.• Demonstrates clear initiative, adaptability, and/or persistence in overcoming obstacles.• Problem-solving is thoughtful and appropriate• Demonstrates some reflection on what they learned and how it shaped their perspective or behavior going forward.
EXCEPTIONAL (5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The applicant shares a compelling, authentic account of a significant challenge.• Demonstrates exceptional initiative, adaptability, persistence• Problem-solving is appropriate, thoughtful, and shows planning or creativity• Reflects meaningfully on what they learned and how it shaped their perspective or behavior going forward.