

Writing a College Essay ✨

The Essay portion of your application is your chance to show who you really are. It can show a side of you that isn't reflected in your grades, accolades, or test scores.

Answer the question

Do not reuse an answer to a similar question, the readers can tell (yes, really!) Make sure your respond to the actual question being asked and make it personal and specific.

No Repeats

What you write in your essay should not be something you already mentioned in other parts of your application— nor should it contradict other parts

Edit and Rewrite

Have at least one other person read your essay. This can be a teacher, counselor, or peer. Check for general coherence and other spelling and grammar errors. Start early enough to allow time to write several drafts.

Be Personal

You want to write about something that is personal and important to you. It can be an experience, a person, a book, anything that you are passionate about. Remember to always be yourself; don't force humor into your essay if that isn't natural to who you are. This allows for the readers to get a sense of your passions outside of school and what kind of a person you are. Remember Colleges aren't just looking for students who can succeed academically, but students who are passionate and can contribute to their campus and society as a whole. Make sure to reflect—not just recount. Describe what you learned from the experience and how it changed you