

College Essay



Your college essay is your change to tell your story—to reveal your unique background, interests and personality. The best way to tell your story is to write a personal, thoughtful essay about something that has meaning for you. Be honest and genuine, and your unique qualities will shine through.

Admissions officers have to read an unbelievable number of college essays, most of which are forgettable. Many students try to sound smart rather than sounding like themselves. Others write about a subject that they don't care about, but that they think will impress admissions officers. Colleges are simply looking for thoughtful, motivated students who will add something to the first-year class.

Tips for writing a good essay:

- write about something that's important to you
- don't just recount an experience, reflect on it
- start early and write several drafts
- answer the question being asked
- have at least one other person edit your essay

Questions?

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