

How to Write Great College Admissions Essays



Ten easy things that will improve your college admissions essays.

Your college admissions essay is the most important part of your application so you need to get it right to wow admissions and get admitted to the best school possible. Writing great college admission essays take time and starts with a good topic, a thoughtful outline, a written draft and then some work on what to leave in and what to take out.

Here are some general tips to help you get started:

1. Tell your own story

Admissions officers want to know about **you** so make it **personal**. They have a sixth sense about essay writers who are authentic and tell their own story, so you will score extra points for reflecting honestly about your experiences and goals. Make sure they find out who you are, what you have done and what you think.

2. Stay focused to keep the reader engaged

Do not write about too many topics in one essay. The best essays focus on one or two aspects of your experience and character and have a main point or theme that ties them together. Leave an easy-to-catch impression about yourself on the reader. A bored reader will scan and not be properly evaluate your work.

3. Get to the point and answer the question

Don't waste words. It is very important to write an essay that gets to the point and answers the question. You need to get the readers attention quickly so that they do not start to merely scan your work. Organize your essay properly so as to leave the right impression on the reader. Don't end up on the 'no' pile.

4. Use everyday plain and simple English

It is tempting to try to use high-level English words to impress admissions but this is a mistake that can hurt your application. You do not want the reader to keep looking up words in a dictionary and losing focus. Keep it simple and easy to read, otherwise the reader will become distracted and your message will be lost.

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5. Avoid sensitive or offensive topics

You never know who is reading your essay so try to avoid controversial or sensitive topics about terrorism, politics, religion, cultural differences and so on. Your goal is to get admitted and nothing else. It is possible that your opinions might turn off or offend the reader and get you dumped onto the 'no pile'.

6. Don't scare the reader

Avoid long paragraphs that look daunting. Paragraphs should be 4-5 sentences long and connect/flow smoothly. Start your essay with something that gets the attention of the reader and then keep them interested and reading to the end. If they do not read your work they cannot evaluate you. Don't bore the reader!

7. Read your essay aloud to someone

Reading the essay out loud offers a chance to hear how your essay sounds outside of your head. This can help to reveal any flaws in the essay flow, highlight any grammatical errors and help you to ensure that you are communicating the exact message that you intended.

8. Use an editor or proofreader

It is easy to get too close to your work and lose your objectivity. Considering how important it is to get into a great school, make a small investment in improving your essay. Use an experienced proofreader to review your work with fresh eyes and see what sort of impact your essay leaves on an objective reader.

9. Don't read too many essays

It is useful to read example admissions essays but you still need to choose your own topic and write your own work. Reading too many college admissions essay examples can leave you confused about what is good and what is not so good. For best results, spend time crafting your own essay, not reading others work.

10. Do not plagiarize

Just don't do it. Schools have software that can check for plagiarism and can easily detect work that has been copied and pasted from the Internet and then modified. Likewise, the reader will be able to tell if the essay you are submitting reflects your own experiences or someone else's. Be yourself and keep it real!

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