THE ADMISSION ESSAY
HOW TO TELL YOUR STORY
AGENDA

- Understanding the Prompt
- Brainstorming Session
- Structuring Your Essay
- Writing Strategies
- Editing, Revising, and Finalizing
- Final tips & takeaways
UNDERSTANDING THE PROMPT
STANDARD PROMPT VS TOPIC OF YOUR CHOICE DOES IT REALLY MATTER?

Yes! This is your story – tell us something that really matters

- Chose a prompt you feel comfortable with
- Play to your strengths
- Be authentic
- Stay on topic with the prompt
BRAINSTORMING

Let’s give it a try!
THINK ABOUT WHAT EXCITES YOU.
WRITE IT DOWN.
NOW REALLY, WHAT EXCITES YOU?

Brainstorming – take your time with the process.

- Consider what you want to write about for a topic
- Write 10 opening sentences and closing sentences once a week for a month
- At the end of the month re-read all that work and see what sticks
- Share the work with peers, pay attention to their reactions and feed back
- Now build the body of your essay
STRUCTURING YOUR ESSAY
**Hook your reader**

*Set the tone of the essay*

Introduction

First Point

Second Point

Summarize

The who/what

The why

Close the ideas
• Your essay should have a first draft, second draft, and final draft.
• Take your time with this process.
• Hearing honest feedback is valuable. Share with your friends, family members, teachers.
• Take your time with this process. You can have as many edits as you want, but you can only submit once.
• Pro-tip: If you don’t feel comfortable sharing with peers, think about a new topic.
FINAL TIPS & TAKEAWAYS

Tips

1. Be clear and concise with your word choices
2. Be authentic
3. Take your time
4. Proofread, reproof read, and again – proofread

Take away

The essay is the only part of your application that is 100% your voice – use that to your advantage

- Find your authentic voice
- Tell your story
- Have fun with this process