

Writing the Admissions Essay

College&Career**Pathways**2020

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What is the Essay?

A Personal Statement

Goals

- Demonstrate written expression / composition skills
- Allow the reader to get to know you!

Resources

- Review & use resources!
- VSAC.org: Simply search "essay."
vsac.org/plan/applying-to-college/college-application-essay

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Topics & Length


Examples are available!

Review Common App & School Apps

- Topics, topic of your choice
- commonapp.org/apply/essay-prompts
- 250 word minimum

Select a Topic & Plan

- Outline your thoughts
- Plan timeline, requirements
- Trusted reader


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Develop Your Content

Express Yourself!

Demonstrate Your Readiness

- Life experience / skills accumulated
- Characteristics for success

Tie to Academic Interest

- Path to interest
- Fit for program



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Writing

Let's do this!

<p>1. Draft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline your thoughts • Tie your skills & interests in <p>2. Proofread</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spelling & grammar • Reader feedback 	<p>3. Edit, Revise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisit your essay goals <p>4. Submit!</p>
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Admissions Reader Review

Get to know you!

Stand Out

- Did we learn something new about you
- What makes you, you!
- Was your essay/personal statement memorable

Writing Abilities

- Can you support your ideas with evidence
- Are you prepared for college level coursework/writing



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Questions?

Thank you for coming — Enjoy the day!

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