

X-Guide

Guiding your student through writing the college essay

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We understand that you want the best for your student - especially when it comes to finding the school that fits them best. Writing the college essay is an important part of the application process, and we are here to help you and your student navigate it together

What colleges are looking for in an essay

- + Your student's unique talents and identity are valued at our institution. We want to be able to envision them here.
- + Authenticity is important. Your student's voice should come through clearly in their essay.
- + We want to see that your student can think and write clearly and logically.
- + There is no "right" topic for the college essay. This is your student's opportunity to show what's important to them.

How to best help your student

- + Be a sounding board. Ask questions to help develop the essay topic or idea further.
- + If your student is stuck, ask them to provide an answer to the statement, "Here's something you would not know about me..."
- + Encourage your student to make sure their essay is well thought out and outlined before drafting.
- + Proofread your student's essay if they want you to, but refrain from writing it for them.
- + Make sure the question that was asked is being answered in the essay

Most importantly, trust in your student's abilities. This is an opportunity for them to realize how much they bring to the table. We are here for you both as a resource every step of the way.

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