

The Importance of Writing Your Own College Admission Essays

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Some students overlook the importance of college essays by believing that schools only look into SAT/ACT scores and grades. Colleges and universities look at applicants on a whole including their test scores, GPA, extracurriculars, and college admission essays. These factors ultimately help admission officers decide who will make a good fit for their school. By only looking at test scores and report cards, other qualified students may be overlooked.

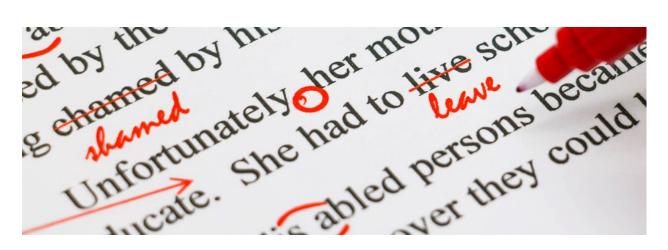
The college admission essay is an opportunity to showcase yourself, even if your grades aren't perfect. It allows applicants to show a school why they would benefit their community. Some colleges do not require an essay but we recommend that you send one anyway.

Students tend to seek advice from the internet when writing their essay. Blogs online make inaccurate suggestions.



Applicants that make this mistake submit a lower quality essay. A college essay should be genuine and unique to you!

When writing, it's important to create an essay that will give you an advantage over other candidates. Write about a topic that highlights you in a positive way and that will persuade college admission officers that you are a strong applicant. Focus on a particular aspect of your character and accomplishments. The goal of this essay is to tell a part of your story. Try to write about something unique to you rather than a basic topic that numerous students will be writing about. Admission officers are presented with an immense amount of applications so make sure the beginning of your essay is interesting enough that they will want them to continue reading.



When applicants are feeling overwhelmed, they may consider taking someone else's work as their own. In the United States this is known as plagiarism. This can be done by hiring someone to write their essay or copying and pasting from the internet. Also, if a student performs poorly in English but writes a phenomenal essay, the school might find this suspicious. Some universities have programs that will detect a plagiarized paper in minutes. If the school finds out a student plagiarized, they will automatically be rejected.

Helpful Tip:

Though it may be tempting, don't jeopardize your chances of admissions by plagiarizing. Prior to submitting your essay ensure that you have proofread it. You may find information that wasn't necessary or catch grammatical errors that would have lowered your status as an applicant. Sometimes, it may be beneficial to take a break from the essay and return to it with a fresh set of eyes. To allow time for this, make sure you start the draft of your essay weeks before the due date. Once you have written your essay, it is acceptable to ask someone to read it over. Success Pathway offers professionals, who have graduated from prestigious colleges, to edit your paper for you.

Success Pathway can assist in proofreading your essay by using descriptive language, appropriate sentence structure and ensuring your essay is unique. Please contact us today at info@successpathwayconsulting.com.