

## How Do I Write An Application Essay?

### **10 Tips for a Successful College Application Essay**

1. Use your own voice: You want to impress admissions officers with your abilities, not with your ability to use big words.
2. Be engaging: This means let your personality shine through your creative writing style. Stick to the topic but keep in mind that the school admissions officers are slogging through hundreds of essays a day.
3. Keep it personal: This college application essay should be one that only you can write and that will set you apart from other candidates.
4. Less is more: Keep your admissions essay short and to the point. You won't get extra credit for wordiness. If you find the college has requested a specific word count, don't go over.
5. Avoid slang: Yes, your essay should be written in your own voice, but in a professional version of who you are. Remember your audience: admissions officers..
6. Complement your application: Don't just repeat what's already written in your application. You can highlight some important aspects, but take this opportunity to share additional information about yourself to paint a complete picture of who you are and what you have to offer.
7. Use the active voice: Writing in the active voice often makes your sentences stronger and more clear.
8. Stay on topic: Make sure each sentence of your essay answers and supports your essay topic. Throwing in additional information will dilute, rather than strengthen, your essay.
9. Rewrite: Your first draft is just that: a first draft. Allow yourself the time to rewrite, reshape and re-craft your essay as needed until you feel confident it represents you the way you want it to.

Ask people to read it: Before sending off your college application essay, have friends, family members and teachers read it.