

How Do I Write The Admission Essay?

Before writing your essay, make sure you understand the guidelines from the school you are applying to. These guidelines may include:

- Word count
- Spacing/Formatting
- Specific question to respond to
- Information to include
- Tone/style
- Deadline

Writing within Limitations

Most schools will have very little restrictions for your essay. They want you to be unique and free to answer the question in a way that shows your personality. However, most schools will have a word count and a deadline. Make sure that you write at least as much as the minimum word count, but no more than the maximum word count. Also, make sure you turn in your essay on time. Many admissions officers will struggle to get to an essay that has been sent to them late. If your school asks you a specific question to answer in your essay, do not deviate from that question. Schools want to know if you are able to follow directions and instructions well.

Your Introduction Matters

You should spend the most time on your introduction, as this will usually determine whether the admission officer will read your essay or skim over it. Start your essay with a unique voice that is your own. Telling a story or anecdote can also be a good beginning to your essay.

Think About the Tone and Your Flow

Continue your essay with the voice you established in your introduction and go into more detail about the topic you chose to write about. Don't worry about writing flowery words or including large vocabulary words. Admissions officers would rather you be yourself in the essay than write what you think they want to hear. Keep the reader engaged by using active voice and descriptive language.

Finish With A Strong Conclusion

Conclude your essay strong and concise. Make sure by the end of your essay that the reader understands the main goal of what you wanted to communicate in the essay.

Revise, Reread, and Get An Extra Opinion

Once you have completed the essay, step away from it for some time and let others read it and critique it. Then, go back on your own and read it again to see if there is anything you would like to reword or rearrange. Make sure there are no misspellings or grammar mistakes. Submit your essay using the preferred method of the school you are applying to before the deadline.

Writing the essay should be a fun opportunity to share with the admissions officer who you are. Give yourself enough time to brainstorm, write, and edit your essay. Remember that you can add a needed presence to the school you are applying to. Don't be afraid to talk about yourself and let the admissions staff know how you could be a valuable asset to their higher education facility. It's time to discover yourself. It's time to take a leap of faith with just a keyboard and memories.

