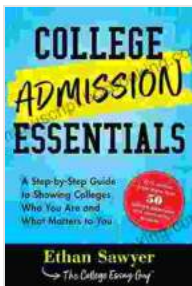


# Step by Step Guide to Showing Colleges Who You Are and What Matters to You

The college application essay is your chance to show colleges who you are and what matters to you. It's your opportunity to tell your story, highlight your strengths, and explain why you're the perfect fit for their school.



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But writing a college application essay can be daunting. How do you start? What should you write about? How do you make sure your essay stands out from the crowd?

Don't worry, we're here to help. This step-by-step guide will walk you through the entire process, from brainstorming ideas to polishing your final draft.

## Step 1: Brainstorm Ideas

The first step is to brainstorm ideas for your essay. What are you passionate about? What are your strengths and weaknesses? What experiences have shaped who you are?

Once you have a few ideas, start to narrow them down. Choose a topic that you're excited to write about and that you think will showcase your best qualities.

## **Step 2: Create an Outline**

Once you've chosen a topic, it's time to create an outline. This will help you organize your thoughts and make sure your essay flows smoothly.

Your outline should include the following sections:

- **Introduction:** Introduce yourself and your topic.
- **Body Paragraphs:** Discuss your topic in detail. Use specific examples and anecdotes to support your points.
- **Conclusion:** Summarize your main points and explain why you're the perfect fit for the college.

## **Step 3: Write a Draft**

Once you have an outline, it's time to start writing your draft. Don't worry about making it perfect at this stage, just get your thoughts down on paper.

As you write, be sure to use strong verbs and descriptive language. Paint a picture for the reader and make them feel like they're right there with you.

## **Step 4: Revise and Edit**

Once you've finished your draft, it's time to revise and edit. This is where you'll make sure your essay is clear, concise, and error-free.

Here are a few tips for revising and editing your essay:

- Read your essay aloud. This will help you catch any awkward phrasing or grammatical errors.
- Ask a friend or family member to read your essay and give you feedback.
- Take a break from your essay for a few days and then come back to it with fresh eyes.

### **Step 5: Proofread**

Once you're satisfied with your revised essay, it's time to proofread it carefully for any errors.

Here are a few things to look for when proofreading:

- Spelling errors
- Grammar errors
- Punctuation errors
- Formatting errors

### **Step 6: Submit Your Essay**

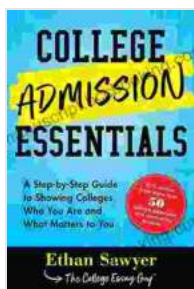
Once you're confident that your essay is error-free, it's time to submit it to the college.

Be sure to follow the college's instructions for submitting your essay. Some colleges require you to submit your essay online, while others require you to mail it in.

Writing a college application essay can be a challenge, but it's also an opportunity to show colleges who you are and what matters to you.

By following the steps outlined in this guide, you can write an essay that will stand out from the crowd and help you get into your dream school.

So what are you waiting for? Get started today!



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