

## 30 Tips from Admissions Officers on College Essay Writing

1. Start preparing now.
2. Take the pressure off and try free-writing to limber up.
3. They want to learn about your growth.
4. Tell a good story.
5. Just make sure that the story you're telling is uniquely YOURS.
6. Don't feel pressure to share every detail of your experiences.
7. Don't feel you need to have a happy ending or solution.
8. Be specific.
9. Provide insight.
10. Write about things you care about.
11. Keep the story focused on a discrete moment in time.
12. Don't bury the intro!
13. Imagine how the person reading your essay will feel.
14. Write as you speak.
15. Get personal.
16. Don't tell them a story you think they want, tell them what YOU want.
17. Don't just write about your resume, recommendations, and high school transcripts.
18. Keep it simple! Every word counts.
19. Use active verbs, engage the reader's imagination.
20. Split long sentences with complex ideas into two.
21. Show, don't tell.
22. Be yourself.
23. Be genuine and authentic.
24. Be real. Show your emotions.
25. Find a way to showcase yourself without bragging.
26. Don't ask your parents to write an essay for you!
27. Read it aloud.
28. Revise often and early.
29. Proofread, proofread, proofread.
30. Make sure at least one "qualified" person edits your essay.

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