

COLLEGE ESSAY TIPS

- ❑ **Start your essay early.** Write a rough draft then put it away. Return to it later when you will have a fresh perspective
- ❑ **Choose your subject carefully.** The more passion you have about a subject, the better. If you are asked to respond to a specific question in your essay, BE SURE TO DO THAT! Choose one topic and elaborate on it. Be sure to be concise. Don't ramble.
- ❑ **Consider your audience.** What does your audience already know about you from your transcripts and test scores? You want to give them something new and special about you. Think like an admissions officer.
- ❑ **Humor does work!** Again, be careful of your audience – these admissions officers have to read thousands of essays. A little humor can be a welcome break.
- ❑ **Get feedback,** but not too much. Share your essay with someone you trust to give you honest feedback, just don't share it with the whole world.
- ❑ **Use the first person.**
- ❑ **Make sure** when you send the same essay to more than one school it has the correct university's name on it!
- ❑ **Proofread, Proofread, PROOFREAD!** Do it yourself and then get a reliable reader to go over every sentence for spelling and grammatical errors.