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YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT

AN ESSAY USED AS A FOUNDATION FOR YOUR COLLEGE
APPLICATION PROMPTS
AND
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROMPTS

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STARTING YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

- What three words best describe you? What are some examples?
 - What have been your most important activities outside of school? Think about jobs (paid or voluntary), clubs, hobbies, travel, and religious activities.
 - In or out of school, have you received any awards/honors or held any leadership positions?
 - Have you gone through any hardships or overcome any obstacles?
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SOME ADVICE

- Use Google Docs to access your essay from anywhere!
- For your first drafts, do not worry about grammar or how "good" the essay sounds. Focus on writing down as much information and details as possible. Ask yourself Who? What? When? Where? and Why?

GIVE EXAMPLES!

- Don't write your essay like a resume. Think about this as if you are telling a new and trusted friend a story about yourself.

BE REAL! BE AUTHENTIC! BE GENUINE!

- Essays require different word counts (1,000, 750, 500, etc.). The more you have written in your first drafts, the more you can edit and find the information that is most important to you later.

ALWAYS STICK TO THE WORD COUNT REQUIREMENT!

- After you finish your drafts, have multiple people read your essay.

MAKE SURE YOUR FINAL DRAFT SOUNDS LIKE YOU!

WEBSITES TO HELP YOU GET STARTED

The hardest part about writing a personal statement is getting started. See examples of application prompts and essays. Go to the following websites:

[How to Write a College Application Essay](#)

UC Questions: [HERE](#)

Common App Questions: [HERE](#)