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## The Application: Tips On Writing That College Essay

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(NAPSA)—The college application essays are the most time consuming part of the application process. They provide the admissions reader the opportunity to get to know a student as something much more than a GPA and test score. Use this opportunity to be your most unique self, whoever that self may be.



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Take some time to think about what you want to get across to the reader and be sure that you follow the college guidelines as to

topic and length.

Brainstorm your topic idea with your parents, counselors or friends. Write about something that you're truly interested in and it will interest the reader as well.

Write in a personal way, allowing your essay to reveal who you are. Let your essay not only show

off your writing skills but let it highlight your passions, your goals, your energy and your enthusiasm as well.

Have another set of eyes review your essay for content and grammar. Check and recheck for typos and careless errors.

More than any other piece of your application, your essay is your “voice” in the admissions office. Make it an interesting one. And if you're applying to highly competitive schools, make sure your intellectual curiosity comes through loud and clear.

To learn more and to see some well-written college essays, visit Destination-U at [www.Destination-U.net](http://www.Destination-U.net).

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Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of stories, any one of which can also be used alone.