

Writing Application Essays

Getting ready to write:

1. Read the mission, vision, diversity statement, and objectives of the university or college AND the school or program to which you are applying.
2. Brainstorm, in writing, where you are a match.

Ex. MISSION of UWT

The University of Washington, Tacoma educates diverse learners and transforms communities by expanding the boundaries of knowledge and discovery.

Notes: I'm a diverse learner. How? Artist. Mom is Korean.

3. Read the entrance requirements for the university or college AND for the school or program to which you are applying.
4. Check for a one-to-one correspondence between the requirements and your official transcripts from high school and all colleges or universities you have attended. Make an actual list.
5. Update your resume.
6. Read the curriculum and graduation requirements for the program you plan to study. Be sure that it makes your eyes sparkle.
7. Read about the faculty who teach in the program to which you are applying.
8. Brainstorm your educational goals. Include is necessary, but also go beyond, "Get a good job" and "Make a difference." Detailed ideas, such as "become fluent in Spanish," are more convincing to application committees.
9. Makes notes answering the following questions:
 - a. Why do I want to attend this program? this school?
 - b. Why this degree?
 - c. Why does this program, this school, want me over anyone else?
 - d. How will I reflect well upon this program, this school, upon graduation?
10. Discuss your ideas and brainstorming with a friend or counselor.

