



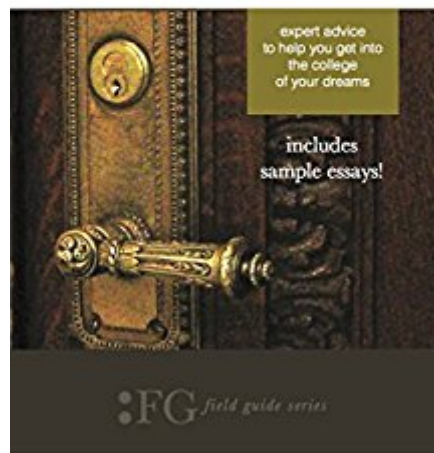
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How To Write A College Application Essay: Expert Advice To Help You Get Into The College Of Your Dreams (Field Guide Series)

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How to Write a College
Application Essay



Synopsis

For over 15 years, Tania Runyan has guided thousands of students in understanding, exploring, and crafting the college application essay with winning results. This guide explains what the college application essay is all about: why a student has to write it, the nature of this special writing project, when and how a student should start, and what can be learned about writing itself through this milestone process. Providing everything a student needs to go from draft to polished essay, the instruction is straightforward, easy to apply, and inspiring. Woven throughout this engaging guide are illuminating quotes from admissions counselors who want to read just the kind of essays this book can help a student write. Includes sample essays from students who got into the colleges of their dreams. Also features helpful samples for special situations like transfers. Invaluable resource!

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"In the middle of all that data surrounding grades and test scores and class ranking, the [college

application] essay is a chance to just be yourself. Isn't that a relief?"-Tania Runyan, *How to Write a College Application Essay*_Whew. Yes, that is a relief, just as Tania Runyan's book (her latest in T.S. Poetry Press's Field Guide Series) will be a relief to high school students -- and, perhaps, their parents -- choking under the pressure of applying to colleges. I suspect that after reading Runyan's advice in this book, students, in anticipating the essay portion of college applications, will move from dread to confidence to enthusiasm. In the Introduction, Runyan grounds readers into a healthy perspective, based on her depth of experience as a tutor who has guided thousands of students and parents over the years. Two notable quotes early in the book: "You were not created to perform, but to live. And living can't always be quantified." "Students often see the essay as a persuasive tool to somehow talk a school into taking them. But have you ever thought that you might not want to be taken? When you write an essay that as 100 percent you -- quirks and all -- and a college accepts you, you know you're headed to the right place." At once authoritative and accessible, and with a calming voice of matter-of-fact understanding, Tania Runyan gives clear, easy-to-follow guidance on writing a college application essay (including how to revise!). Examples of autobiographical essays by published authors demonstrate good prose. Insights and quotes from admissions officers give us an inside view of how to write an essay that stands out. Appendix C gives more than 20 example college application essays. Chapter 2 is a favorite. It contains a "Never Ever Do These!" list as well as a "Yes, Yes, Always Do These!" list. As the mother of a college freshman and a 10th grader who already has a dream school in mind, I purchased a copy for our family and another copy to give away. This book can do more than just eliminate anxiety -- it can get students pumped about college applications. And, without even noticing, they will also become better writers.

I have been coaching students on their college applications for over 20 years. In the past, I have relied on my own handouts and NO, REALLY assurances. Ms. Runyan has collected all of her experiences and shares them frankly with a sincere conversational voice, a true sense of audience, and a gentle humor. It's a perfect complement to my own approach. What Ms. Runyan provides is a bevy of practical exercises, encouraging quotes from admissions officers, and examples of successful application essays. It's concise yet highly highlightable. ~~~~~ -I have ordered several copies for my students who will begin writing their essays this summer. I'm considering ordering a few more.

..that I can finally order this. Using Tania's blog entries were so helpful to my high school seniors this year, but I am so looking forward to getting my hands on this book to plan for how to help my

students next year. Superb talent! Bravo, Tania! Starting a bookshelf of just her texts...

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