



Suggestions for Writing Applications

Doing a good job on these takes time, so plan and pace yourself. *“Slow and steady wins the race.”*

- Read over or print out each application. Notice which questions on different applications are similar enough to write one response for and look for essay options that overlap.
- When you’ve figured out all the different questions you need to answer, begin your rough drafts. (You know the drill: brainstorm, outline, etc.). Use a Google doc to keep everything organized.
- You need to do several drafts. After each one, edit thoroughly.
- When you believe you have a polished product, read aloud to another person or else have them read to you) and get feedback before editing one final time. While adults can give you feedback, this must be your work; schools can spot doctored essays a mile away.
- Once you have pasted essays and short answers into the application forms, double check to make sure you have put everything where you want it. It’s easy to paste the same answer into two different questions and not notice!
- **Most schools ask for a graded writing sample. Find out if you need one, and start thinking about which sample you might like to use. Talk to Jake or Tessa about choosing a paper.**