



G.E.N. Education designs this Introduction to College Admissions Essays Bootcamp for **rising G11-12** to introduce students to personal essay writing for U.S. college admissions. Students will learn about the craft of personal writing and will focus on brainstorming, planning, and crafting a U.S. Common Application essay. Students will explore elements of narrative, rhetorical devices, and organizational patterns to master conveying their story. In addition, students will learn how to incorporate these personal elements into other essays such as the university "why" essay and interest essays.

Our instructor, Ms. Ashley, is a graduate of the University of Chicago in English Language and Literature. Ashley has spent her professional career educating students on storytelling, writing, and effective communication. After working in Hong Kong as an admissions consultant with results to top universities and colleges, Ashley moved to the prestigious Schwarzman College to direct the inaugural Writing Center Manager and developed academic and professional writing programs. Ashley currently designs English writing and literature programs for a highly selective private K-12 school. She is a Fulbright Research Finalist and UChicago Student Marshal.

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Meeting Times: Mon to Thu at 7pm or 9am for 2 weeks; 1.5 hrs per class; Program 1: June 21 - July 2; Program 2: July 5 - July 15

At the end of the course, students will have:

- A framework for brainstorming personal essays
- A draft of Common Application essay to further refine on their own
- A draft of interest or why essay that can be adapted for various schools



Class overview

Session 1: Introduction to the Common Application: Brainstorming to Leave an Impression

Session 2: Common App: Finding Stories and Meaning in Our Lives

Session 3: Common App: Narrative, Plot, Reflection, and Organization

Session 4: Common App: Mood, Tone, and Selection of Detail

Session 5: Common App: Elements of Editing

Session 6: Making the "Why" Essay Work for You

Session 7: Interests, Leadership, and Fitting In – "Interest Essays"

Session 8: Final Feedback: Looking at the Story as a Whole

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