



COURSE DESCRIPTION

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COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAY WRITING

GROUP CLASS w/Eric Cohen, School Director, and Mercer Education Staff

This course is intended for high school seniors who want to work on their college application essays. The focus is exclusively on refinement and completion of application essays ("personal statements") and/or short-response college application questions.

There will be no out-of-class reading or other assignments; this is strictly an application essay writing class, and students are expected to show up for the first class with an essay in hand and ready to "dive in" to the writing process. The goal is to provide tangible deadlines, motivate students, and equip them with substantial critical feedback to improve their essays.

Mr. Cohen and highly qualified ME instructors will lead the discussion and peer-editing of essays (at least one per student per class). Students will receive feedback in class that day and written comments and suggestions either that day or within one week. *Class is limited to graduating seniors.* Classes meet once a week and are approximately 2.5 hours (may run longer) depending upon the volume of writing. We plan to critique as many student essays as possible in class each week. Students will be expected to generate essays and/or revisions on a regular basis.

The course will run for eight (8) consecutive weeks (except for the Saturday after Thanksgiving) from approximately early September through early November. (Exact start dates will be determined as early as possible in September, likely 9/9/17 or 9/16/17 for Saturday group and 9/13/17 or 9/20/17 for Wednesday group.) Class size is capped at 6 students, and the two groups always fill up.

This is a selective program that does require a degree of writing competence on the part of the participating students. Prior to acceptance for enrollment, students must submit a writing sample based on an assignment we will provide. Those students who do not quite meet this level of writing proficiency will be encouraged to work directly with teachers in one-on-one classes.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Instructors: Eric Cohen, Director, and ME staff
- ▶ Meets 8 consecutive Wednesdays or Saturdays
- ▶ Time: Wednesdays at 4pm *or* Saturdays at 2:30pm
- ▶ Length: 2.5 hours/class (may run longer)
- ▶ One eight-week Fall Session
- ▶ Sign-up Deadline: "first come, first serve"
- ▶ Limit 6 students/class, 12 students max
- ▶ Cost: \$950 per eight-week session

Enrollment in Mercer Education's *College Application Essay Writing* class is limited. In order to facilitate scheduling, please complete ME's *Application for Enrollment*, listing the time slots (Wednesday at 4pm or Saturdays at 2:30pm) when you/your child will be available to attend class. We will refund you in full if we cannot schedule a class at the times you have listed as available. (Note: ME does not provide refunds to students missing specific classes because of illness or other unanticipated conflicts, though make-up classes may be possible if multiple group classes are in session.)