



COURSE DESCRIPTION

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COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAY WRITING (2023)

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.

This is an essay writing class, and, other than reading some sample essays each week, the work will consist of writing only. Students are expected to be proactive and show up to each class essay in hand, ready to “dive into the writing process.” The goal is to provide a weekly deadline, motivate students, and equip them with substantial critical feedback to improve their essays.

Mr. Cohen will lead the discussion and peer-editing of essays each week. Students will receive feedback in class that day and written comments and suggestions either that day or in the days following the class. *The program is limited to graduating seniors. Classes meet once a week in person or via Zoom (indicate preference on the application) and are approximately 2.5 hours (may run longer) depending upon the volume of writing. We will critique as many student essays as possible in class each week, and students are expected to generate writing on a regular basis.*

The course runs for eight consecutive weeks (except for the Saturday after Thanksgiving) from early or mid-September through early November of 2023. (Exact start dates will be determined as early as possible in September, likely 9/09/23 or 9/16/23 for the Saturday group and approximately 9/13/23 or 9/20/23 for the weekday afternoon group.) Class size is capped at 6 students, and the two groups typically fill up.

Note: This is a selective program that requires a degree of writing competence on the part of the participating students. Prior to acceptance for enrollment, ME may request that students 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 private (one-on-one) classes.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Instructors: Eric Cohen, Director, and ME staff
- ▶ Meets 8 consecutive Saturdays or a weekday afternoon (TBD by early September)
- ▶ Time: Saturdays at 9:30am *or* approximately 4:30pm on a weekday afternoon (details TBD by early September)
- ▶ 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: \$1500 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 (a weekday afternoon TBD at 4:30pm or Saturdays at 9:30am) 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, e.g., if enrollment on a specific day is too low or if we are filled up. (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.)