

COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAY WRITING (2026)

GROUP CLASS w/Eric Cohen, School Director

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.

The program is limited to graduating seniors. 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. Classes meet once a week in person (Zoom option may be possible; indicate preference on the application) and are approximately 2.5 hours (may run longer) depending upon the volume of writing. We’ll critique as many 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 2026. (Exact class times and dates will be determined as early as possible in September, with classes starting by mid-September.) Class size is capped at 6 students, and there are typically one or two groups, both of which 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		Taught by Eric Cohen, school director	
▶	Meets once a week for 8 consecutive weeks.	▶	Length: 2.5 hours per class
▶	Schedule based on student availability.	▶	Sign-up Deadline: “first come, first serve”
▶	Typically <u>Saturdays, 3-5:30pm</u> and/or <u>Sundays, 9:30-noon</u> , and possibly on a <u>weekday afternoon</u> (e.g., 4 or 4:30pm, details TBD by early September)	▶	Limit 6 students per class, 1 or 2 classes depending upon enrollment
▶	Option to continue past 8 weeks.	▶	Cost: \$1900 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 all the time slots when you/your child will be available to attend class; the more times you list, the more likely it is we will have a space for you. 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. Contact ME for more details.)