

Essay Review by Jason Franklin

Purpose: A college application essay should be a student's best writing during their high school years. This takes time and a lot of drafts to get it ready. Sometimes it helps to have an extra set of eyes review the essay. For example, I think students should have their parents read their essays, because parents will be honest and may catch something like an error that the student did not see.

I also think it helps to have a stranger read it: someone who will also be honest with you. While in college, I was a newspaper writer and editor for a community newspaper. While working in the public schools, I would help students with papers even though I was technically a high school math teacher. When I "retired" from the public schools and began doing test prep full-time, I would have test prep students contact me to review and edit their college application and scholarship essays.

Process: You have already written the essay. I will review it twice, providing feedback on content and grammar. The following are the steps to follow.

1. When you are ready to begin, pay online by completing the following steps.

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- f. Location: Essay Review
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2. Email me your essay: Jason.Franklin@BetterPrepSuccess.com.

3. I will use Microsoft Word to edit your essay, so it will be easier for you to see my notes and suggestions. This will be the first review.

4. Review my comments and make the changes you are comfortable with. After making the changes, you might want to have a parent read your updated draft to see if they have suggestions for improvement. When ready, email me your updated draft.

5. This is a process. I will review your first three drafts, so we will do step #4 multiple times. Sometimes, a fourth draft is needed. We will be done when you feel it is ready.

Time: I will need five business days to review your draft once I have received it. It could be faster but there are no guarantees as I have other responsibilities during the week.

Warning: I will be thorough in my reviews using "tough love" because I care and know how important this is.