

College Application Summer Bootcamp 2025

Register HERE! (no payment yet)

The details:

What

This intense, fun **4-day in-person workshop** is for rising seniors who plan to use the Common Application to apply for colleges in the fall. The Common Application is accepted by hundreds of colleges, so applying to multiple colleges is relatively simple once they complete it. The main goals:

- 1. To complete the common application, including the essay and crucial activities list.
- 2. To draft a powerful, unique personal statement that can serve as the essay for the common application. This is a challenging, crucial writing task.

We will work each day to complete the application, brainstorm essay topics, analyze sample essays, and draft an effective essay. I will take students through a tried-and-true process to develop and organize their essays. The days will be structured to allow time for solo writing and one-on-one sessions to help with word-smithing and mechanics. The workshop is limited to **8 students** to ensure individual support. Students are often surprised by how fast the days go and how much fun they have.

Students said:

I'm happy to be able to say that, with the help of your camp... I have had pretty wild success when it comes to applications ... the most helpful thing [rising seniors] can do is to start working on all this stuff over the summer, especially the essay. (class of 2023, Yale University)

... the one-on-one help was a huge thing.

Many of my friends continued to struggle
after I had my applications finished so I was
very thankful.
(class of 2025, Rhode Island School of
Design)

College essays are super complicated and there's so many angles. This workshop helps you narrow your scope and focus your essay. (student/bootcamper 2023)

When

Four consecutive days in early August: exact dates to be announced soon (likely 8/4-7 or 8/11-14)

9:30 am-3 pm (with one-on-one feedback sessions, time for solo writing and a 45-minute lunch break)

Where

To be determined--a location in Bucks Country, PA region

Why

In my experience, students who go into their senior year prepared to apply to college are much more able to focus on their coursework, have less anxiety, and feel more confident entering their final year of high school.

• I have 30 years of experience as a writing instructor. I love helping students write!

My expertise as a college counselor includes:

- Former College/Career Counselor at The Greenwood School, including helping seniors write their essays.
- Seven years as the college counselor and sixteen as a high school humanities teacher at The Compass School in Southern Vermont
- Seven years as a summer instructor at Landmark College's HS Program. The course's purpose was to write a college application essay.
- Proven success: Many of my students' and clients' acceptance letters specifically commend their essays!
- An intensive training at the *Independent Educational* Consultants Institute, at Swarthmore College.

Parents said:

Writing anything is my son's least favorite thing to do, but Julia made the college application process fun and painless. She seems to meet the kids where they are at and really helped him to maximize his potential. He walked away from her 4-day workshop with most of his Common Application finished and he's super excited to transition to the next phase of his life. (Bootcamp parent of college graduate)

Julia and her college application program ... made it so my son had a stress-free time preparing his college application. By the end of the session, he had written his essay and had filled out a lot of the application. My son was so well prepared that he applied early

- Attendance at a conference for National Association for College Admissions Counseling.
- Virtual Speaker for The Craig School Speaker Series (2025) "Supporting your Child's Path to College"

decision to his top choice, highly competitive school, and was accepted! (bootcamp parent of student attending Northeastern)

A welcome letter with details will be sent upon a deposit. Feel free to email or call me with your questions.

Thank you and I look forward to bootcamp!

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