**Essay Writing Tips**

* **Write about *your* personal experiences.**
* **Don’t try and include everything.**
* **Tell them something about you that they won’t get to see anywhere else in the application.**
* **Pull them in from the beginning.**
* **Answer the question**.
* **Be conscious of hot topic issues and potentially controversial topics**.
* **Write naturally.**
* **Be you.**
* **Edit and proofread your essays carefully.**

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* You can use Microsoft Office or Google Docs resume templates. Some are better than others.
* Other places to find templates:

<https://resumegenius.com/resume-templates>

<https://templates.office.com/en-us/Simple-resume-TM00002110>

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**Information for Recommenders**

* What do you feel are your strengths?
* What obstacles have you overcome?
* Name one achievement of which you are most proud.
* What are you looking forward to in college? How will the college or university meet your needs?
* What is your passion? What intrigues you?
* In what areas are you a leader inside or outside of the classroom, and how are you a leader?
* List six adjectives that best describe you.
* Is there any other information the recommender might need to know about you before writing your letter?