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# Mastering the College Essay

## A Writing Mentorship

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### Overview

This workshop is designed for rising high school seniors (from any school district) wishing to prepare a stellar college application.

One-on-one mentoring will be provided by Lisa Gibson, an English teacher and gifted education coordinator with 22 years of experience in the field of writing. Mrs. Gibson earned her Master of Fine Arts degree in writing from Chatham University and published her first young adult novel in 2006. She has 15+ years of experience with the Ivy League application process. Participants will construct top-notch college essays that will help to set them apart from other applicants.

### Focus

- What college admissions officers seek in a candidate
- Unique approaches to college essay writing
- How to make the writer's authentic voice emerge
- What to do prior to the start of senior year
- College interviews and scholarships

### Requirements

1. Students must have access to a laptop computer, email, and Internet.
2. Students must have a basic understanding of how to use Google Docs.
3. Students must meet deadlines, welcome constructive criticism, and be willing to work on multiple revisions and rewrites as suggested by the instructor in order to create the best possible essays.

### Registration/Fees

The \$500 registration fee (payable to FCASD) includes one-on-one guidance provided by the instructor over the subsequent 3-month period (September, October and November) to facilitate construction and submission of essays.

Space is extremely limited! Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Complete and submit reverse side of this page to enroll today!

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Essay writing mentorship is ongoing until applications are submitted. Students are provided one-on-one guidance with essay preparation and set-up, obtaining suitable recommendations, essay fine-tuning, scholarship resources and interview tips.

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### Testimonials

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*"Mrs. Gibson's input was invaluable in making my essays clearer and more compelling."*

– Angelia W., Brown University

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*"Without the creative writing support I got from Mrs. Gibson, I would not be going to the same school next fall. She has a way of connecting students with their creative side and inspires them to dig deep for the best possible product."*

– Leila C., University of South Carolina

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*"Mrs. Gibson's guidance, insight, and patience throughout my college-essay writing process was invaluable. I had strong ideas for my essays, but no direction. She showed me how to form my thoughts into clear, meaningful pieces of writing that turned out to be what set me apart on my college applications."*

– Geena P.,  
University of Pittsburgh  
Swanson School of Engineering

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*"Mrs. Gibson has provided invaluable assistance to me by helping me write my college essays. Her edits and opinions have changed the tone and style of my essays to make the piece of writing stronger, and a better conveyer of my personality."*

– Neel S.,  
George Washington University

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*"Working with Mrs. Gibson transformed my essays from average to outstanding."*

– Gautam S.,  
Carnegie Mellon University

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