



Class of 2026 Application Essay Tips

The St Joseph High School application for the Class of 2026 requires a student essay. This essay helps our admissions committee learn more about you beyond your grades and recommendations. However, we know brainstorming and writing the perfect essay can be stressful for some. Our admissions team has outlined some tips, tricks, and frequently asked questions to help you prepare the perfect application essay! As always, if you have any specific questions, please contact us at admissions@sjcadets.org. We can't wait to read more about you!

Class of 2026 Application Essay Topic:

Our mission states: St Joseph High School is an independent Catholic college preparatory community that educates and motivates young women and men to live purposeful lives as ethical leaders committed to the common good of all.

At St Joes, our students are committed to academic, athletic, extra-curricular achievement. In addition, they are committed to service as they strive to become a “person for others.” **Please describe how you would consider yourself a person for others. Use examples, reasoning and exemplary details.**

Top 5 Application Essay Tips:

1. **Brainstorm, but don't stress!** The essay topic is asking you to reflect upon the times you have been mindful of the needs of others and stepped in to help. Before you begin writing, think about how you have had a positive impact on the lives of others.
2. **Outline your essay.** I am sure you can think of many times you have stepped in to help someone. Before you begin writing choose a clear example of a time when you were of service. Outline your essay points (introduction, body and conclusion) and make sure your topic is strongly stated.
3. **Add the details.** Use details to illustrate the positive impact of your actions and how it felt to be of service.
4. **Review your draft.** Once you have completed your first draft, ask someone to review the essay for you and make edits to further improve your work.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **How should I prepare my essay? How can I submit my essay?**
The essay can be written in the online application text box, but we recommend you write your essay in a word document before copying it and pasting it into the online application. You may also email your essay to admissions@sjcadets.org. Your admissions essay is due on or before November 17.
- **How long should the essay be?** There is no word count expectation or word limit for your essay. However, most essays are 3-5 paragraphs and 250-400 words.
- **How is the essay used?** The admissions committee enjoys reading about your perspective, interests and goals through your essay. Your essay is used in conjunction with your academic records to inform your admission and freshman class placement.

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