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# STUDENT ADMISSION ESSAY

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The St. Joseph High School transfer student application requires a student admission essay. Your admission essay is an essential element of your application because it allows you to showcase your personal insight, communication skills, self-reflection and character. However, we know brainstorming and writing the perfect essay can be stressful for some.

Our admissions team has outlined the essay prompts, writing tips and frequently asked questions to help you prepare the best admission 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!



## CHOOSE AN APPLICATION ESSAY TOPIC TO WRITE ABOUT

- **If you could change something about your high school experience thus far, what would you change?** How has your high school experience shaped your current academic and personal goals, and how would changing this specific aspect impact your future?"

- **Discuss a situation where you had to make a difficult ethical decision.** What factors did you consider, and how did you determine the right course of action? What did this experience reveal about your values and integrity?

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## TOP 5 ADMISSION ESSAY TIPS:



1. **Understand the Prompt:** Carefully read and understand the essay prompt you selected. Identify the key elements and requirements and make sure your essay answers the question presented.
2. **Brainstorm:** Reflect on your experiences, values, goals, challenges, and accomplishments that align with the prompt. Jot down key points, examples, and anecdotes that you can include in your essay.
3. **Outline Your Essay**: Create an outline to organize your thoughts and structure your essay. Include an introduction, body paragraph, and a conclusion.
4. **Showcase Your Character**: Your essay should reveal your character, values, and personal qualities. Demonstrate traits such as resilience, leadership, compassion, determination, or intellectual curiosity through compelling examples and anecdotes. Show how these qualities have shaped your identity and influenced your choices.
5. **Revise and Edit**: Review your essay for clarity, coherence, and grammar. Ensure that your writing is concise, focused, and error-free. Seek feedback from trusted mentors, teachers, or family members, and incorporate their suggestions.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

**How should I prepare my essay? How can I submit my essay?**
We recommend you write your essay in a word document before uploading it to your online admission portal. You may also email your essay to admissions@sjcadets.org. Please do not share a google doc with our team as we will likely need permission to view it.

**When is my essay due?**
Your admissions essay is due on or before your chosen semester deadline (Fall - August 5; Spring - January 3). If your essay is received after this date, your application will be reviewed for rolling admission.

**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.