



Application Essay Coaching Services

2025 Fees

If You Are Beginning



The Uncommon Essay Course

Our comprehensive one-on-one course guides the writer through self-exploration, direction-finding, essay-planning, drafting, and revision. For undergraduate or graduate application essays.

- Orientation meeting with your coach
- Discovery process (~2 weeks)
- 4 coaching sessions (1 hour each)
- 1 hour of final feedback (asynchronous)
- College research primer for supplement essays

Duration: 6 weeks min.
Tuition: \$3250

OR

Exploration Session

In this one-hour consultation, the coach guides the writer through instructive steps for exploring experiences and finding a way into drafting. Writers may opt to continue with their coach, who can help build a support plan.

Fee: \$250/session
With Allan: \$325/session

If You Are Revising



The Draft Intensive

Our program for the writer new to Hillside who has drafted an essay and seeks a coach's guidance for revision.

- Draft review and Discovery process (1 week)
- 1 coaching session (1 hour)
- Revision Roadmap from your coach
- 1 hour of feedback on the next draft (delivered electronically)

Duration: 2-3 weeks
Tuition: \$1150

OR

E-Feedback

Asynchronous electronic feedback and revision guidance from a coach. Available to any writer who has drafting ready for review.

Rate: \$250/hr for writers new to Hillside

Options for Continuing Work With Your Coach:

The Supplements Launch

Project management and instruction for the applicant who has finished the main essay and is ready for a strategic plan to research and draft supplement essays. Recommended for applicants who need to address five or more substantial, distinct supplement prompts in addition to "Why are you applying here?"

- Why Apply Here? research process
- Customized Supplements Planner
- 3 coaching sessions on strategy, research, and priority essay planning and draft review

Duration: 4 weeks min.
Tuition: \$1550 / \$1450 for UE clients
Sessions are one hour long.

Feedback Sessions

One-hour sessions to extend support from your coach. Sessions can be added to any support program.

Fee: \$295/session
Includes one hour of draft review and prep.

E-Feedback

Asynchronous electronic feedback and revision guidance from your coach. Especially effective when revision goals are more editorial than exploratory.

Rate: \$225/hr for continuing writers