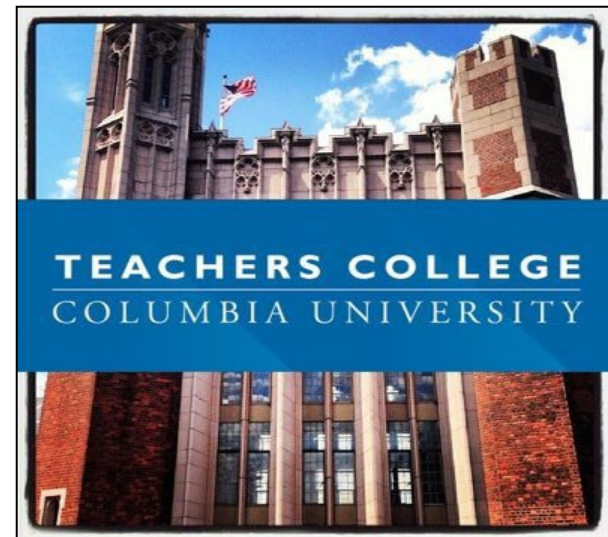


Turn Personal Essay Writing Into *Easy Writing*

A presentation to
Levittown School District
By Nancy Goldman, Ed.D.

About Me





What's
your
story?



My Colleges

Adelphi University

College Information

Application

Questions

Recommenders and FERPA

Review and Submit - Common App

Arizona State University

Harvard University

Michigan State University

Penn State

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University of Iowa

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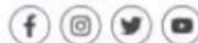
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Links: [College Website](#) · [Virtual Tour](#) · [College Navigator](#)



Application Deadlines

Spring 2020

First Year
Rolling Admission - 12/15/2019

Fall 2020

First Year
Early Action - 12/01/2019
Rolling Admission - 03/01/2020

Instructions and Help

Application Term Dictionary

Not familiar with the app lingo?

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Progress Status

Please check your dashboard icons to give a clear indication of the status of your application.
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Remove submitted school

You can remove a school by clicking the trash can icon on the school name line on the dashboard.
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Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.

Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.

Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

Where To Find Stories?



- Describe an adversity you've faced. Why was it a challenge? How did you overcome it? How did that experience change you?
- Choose a time when you did something that took a lot of courage, like a time when you didn't follow your friends or a time when you stood up for your beliefs. Why did you decide to make a stand or try something that took courage?
- Think about an event in your life that seemed bad, but turned out to be good.

How to find your story

- What are you passionate about? Why?
- Brainstorm a list of experiences, accomplishments and activities. Focus on what these meant to you, not on the actual events.
- What personality traits and values set you apart? What makes you unique?
- Remember: Generating a topic is a process. Be patient.



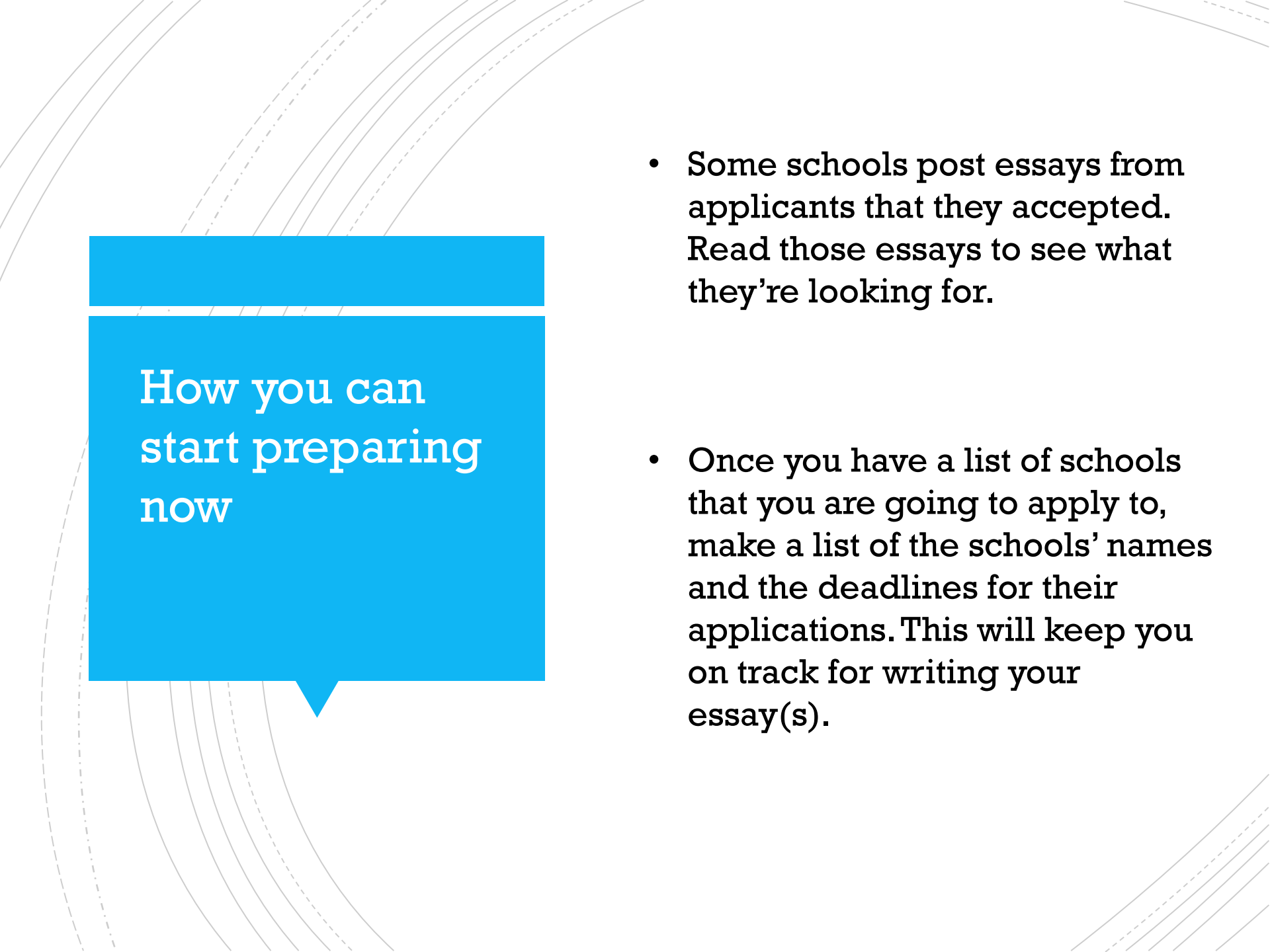
Don'ts

- Don't whine.
- Don't brag.
- Don't write about controversial topics.
- Don't list your accomplishments.
- Don't shock or scare the reader.
- Don't go off topic.
- Don't forget to proofread!
- Don't write about someone else!



How you can
start preparing
now

- Practice answering questions such as:
- “What is important to me?”
- “Why is this important to me?”
- “How did I cope?”
- “How did I grow?”
- “Who helped me?”

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How you can start preparing now

- Some schools post essays from applicants that they accepted. Read those essays to see what they're looking for.
- Once you have a list of schools that you are going to apply to, make a list of the schools' names and the deadlines for their applications. This will keep you on track for writing your essay(s).

How parents can help during the writing process

- Make sure your child answers the question/addresses the prompt.
- Provide time management by helping your child set a schedule.
- Prioritize essays and stick to deadlines. Remember that writing is a process. Make sure you leave enough time.
- Proofread the essay for grammatical errors, spelling mistakes, complicated language, and confusing logic.



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