



2022 GENEVA SUMMER ESSAY WORKSHOP

Workshop Date	June 6, 2022 (Monday) from 9:30 am to 11:30 am + 3 hours of individual post-workshop guidance (date and time to be agreed with the instructor)
Location	Online
Student Grades	Year 12 / Grade 11 / 1 ^{re}
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Description

The Common App essay: one of the most important parts of the college admissions process is also the toughest to get right. The hard data included in the rest of your application—your grades, your extracurriculars, your test scores—can only tell admissions committees so much about who you are as a person. On paper, college applicants can be difficult to tell apart. The essay plays a critical role in helping you stand out from the enormous crowd of candidates they must confront each year.

The trouble is that most high school students have limited experience writing in the first person. Many teachers even expressly forbid it. You know yourself better than anyone else, but when it comes time to translate that crucial self-knowledge into six hundred and fifty words of prose, you might find yourself at a loss. It is such a huge, daunting task that simply choosing a single topic can seem impossible.

This workshop will help you navigate this challenge. Through a series of exercises and workshop discussions, we will begin our journey by gaining a better understanding of what makes each of us unique. This process of self-reflection will enable you to then come up with a list of possible essay topics and ideas that make you stand out. By the end of the workshop, we will get personal: what is it about you that an admissions committee must know?

Following the workshop, you will meet with your instructor one-on-one to work on your essay. We will start by reviewing your list of possible essay topics and making rough outlines for each. We will discuss what makes a great college essay and consider some examples. Together, we will explore how your essay might be structured; how it might incorporate essential information; and how it might begin and end. By then, you will be more than ready for the next step: facing the blank page.

You will continue to work with your instructor so that by the start of the school year, you will be well on your way to a final draft.



Instructor

Farzana Kanji is a graduate of Yale University, the Yale Law School, and UCSD's College Counseling certification program. She has served as an alumni interviewer of high school applicants for Yale for over two decades and founded "Getting It Right" to fulfill her desire to help students achieve their academic potential.

Fees and Deadlines

Course Fees	2h group + 3h private	600 CHF*
Course Deadlines	Registration due Payment due	May 30** June 3
Payment Options	Payment by bank transfer (SWIFT)	BESPOKE EDUCATION FRANCE FR76 3006 6100 4100 0205 9240 154 Code BIC: CMCI FR PP 4 RUE DE CHEVREUSE 75006 PARIS

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