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### **Why do I need an essay coach?**

Essays are required for admission to most colleges and grad schools, and for many scholarships. With so much at stake and deadline pressure, an essay coach can help you distinguish yourself from your competition.

### **What schools have you helped students get in?**

Duke, Penn, Columbia, Johns Hopkins, Northwestern, Brown, Rice, Emory, UVA, Texas, Carnegie Mellon, Wash U. St Louis, Southern Cal, Case Western, Indiana, UCLA, UC Santa Barbara, Michigan, Wisconsin, Washington, UNC, NYU, Georgia Tech, Boston University, Tulane, UAB, Ole Miss, South Carolina, Medical College of Georgia, Coastal Georgia, North Carolina School of the Arts, Univ. of San Francisco, Davidson, William & Mary, Whitman, Barnard, Agnes Scott, UGA, George Washington, Vassar, Eastern Kentucky, Oglethorpe, Washington & Lee, and Central European University!

### **Why should I work with you?**

I can help you quickly find your essay topic/s, organize it and get it submitted. After 20+ years as a staff writer for the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, I will share many tools for writing well no matter the deadline or word limit. As an essay coach since 2012, I will help you avoid clichéd topics and wasted time. A [podcast about my coaching](#) is here. You don't have to worry whether your essay is compelling or how to finish it in time. With essay coaching, you'll be confident that your essay is the best it can be.

### **How much do you charge?**

My coaching fee is \$90 an hour. Students pay me per session (Venmo, PayPal, check, cash; monthly invoicing by request). Sliding scale for families with economic need.

### **How much time does essay coaching typically take?**

Typically 2 hours for finishing the Common Application essay.

### **How do we get started?**

Contact [michelle.hiskey@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.hiskey@gmail.com) or 404-281-4751 for a free questionnaire about your goals, topics and learning style. Your answers can help focus your writing.

### **How does coaching work?**

If time (and covid!) allows, let's first meet in person at a coffee shop familiar to you. Expect to leave with an outline for a solid essay, a plan to draft it, and a lot less stress. Next sessions are usually online (Google Docs, etc.). I'm flexible to what works best for you. If requested, I will copy parents on coaching communications.

### **Who else benefits?**

Ten percent of my fee benefits [VOX Communications](#), a newspaper by and for Atlanta teenagers, where I have volunteered since 1993. These are young people learning to write their stories, and I love supporting them!

I wish you the very best as you write your way to life-changing, competitive opportunities!