

College Essay Outline Template

I. Introduction

- A. Hook: An attention-grabbing opening statement or question
- B. Background information on the college or university
- C. Thesis statement: A clear and concise statement of the purpose of the essay and what it will cover

II. Body

A. Academic background

High school coursework and grades

Standardized test scores (SAT, ACT, etc.)

Extracurricular activities related to academic interests

B. Personal background

Family background and culture

Community involvement and volunteer work

Hobbies and interests

C. Why this college?

Academic programs and faculty

Campus culture and environment

Extracurricular opportunities

D. Challenges and accomplishments

Difficulties overcome or obstacles faced

Personal achievements and growth

How these experiences have prepared for college and future success

III. Conclusion

A. Restate thesis statement

B. Recap of main points

C. Final thoughts and future aspirations

Note: This outline is a basic structure and can be modified or expanded depending on the specific requirements or prompts of the college essay. It is important to tailor the essay to the specific college or university and to showcase the unique qualities and experiences of the individual applicant.