

College Application Essay Writing Workshops

*Presented by Solon High School college essay advisors Susan Elliott Blashka and Hollace Schmidt
and sponsored by Solon Academic Boosters*

Main Essay Workshop

These 10-hour workshops (divided into four 2 ½-hour sessions) take students through the entire essay creation process—from brainstorming to editing—of their main college essay, whether for the Common Application, Coalition Application, or a school-specific application. With a mix of instruction, group interaction, in-session writing, and individual consulting, it's a can't miss for students who want invaluable tips and strategies for tackling one of the trickiest aspects of college applications.

Supplemental Essay Workshop (NEW THIS YEAR!)

These two-hour workshops focus on the extra essays many colleges require.* We will cover the range of prompts students may face, from the research-intensive (“Why do you want to attend this university?”) to the creative (“What fictional character do you relate to and why?”) and specifically address the essay for The Ohio State University Honors & Scholars, a popular program for Solon students.

**Supplemental essay requirements can be found on colleges' admissions websites or the Common App.*

TOP THREE REASONS TO SIGN UP

1. **Applying to college is stressful!** Even without the essay portion, applications are time consuming, exhausting, and stress inducing. Most applications do not open until the fall when students are also trying to focus on academics, athletics, music, clubs, work, and volunteering. Getting a jump start on essays over the summer—while more time is available—makes fall much more bearable.
2. **Getting expert advice is simply smart.** Picking a good essay topic and addressing it thoroughly and appropriately isn't easy. The workshops provide guidance throughout the whole process to eliminate wasted time and effort.
3. **Past students (even those whose parents made them come!) are so glad they attended.** Here's what a few past participants have said about the workshops:

“I don't know what I was expecting, but this sure wasn't it. [Mrs. Schmidt and Ms. Blashka] made it really fun and entertaining.”

“I couldn't have written a college essay of this caliber without your help.”

“I never would have come up with this topic on my own.”

“Made my application process so much easier and less stressful. Literally the best money my parents could have spent!”

Questions? Contact Academic Boosters at solonacademicboosters@hotmail.com or 206-291-8926.

SHS College Application Essay Workshop Sign-up Instructions

All sign-ups will begin online on April 1, 2019. Academic Boosters members will have access to sign-ups 4/1 and 4/2. For membership, please go to www.solonacademicboosters.com and click on "Join Us."

All Solon High current juniors may register beginning 4/3.

To sign up:

1. Go to www.solonacademicboosters.com
2. Choose "Register Essay Workshop."
3. Choose College App Essay Course: Main Essay Workshop Only OR Main Essay Plus Supplemental Workshop and click Buy Now (you will be directed back to the site to complete registration once payment is completed).
4. Fill out the course registration form with student and parent contact information.
5. Choose preference for Workshop Session. (You will select your first 3 choices in order of preference.)
6. Click Submit.
7. The week of April 8, Academic Boosters will confirm your session for the Main Essay Workshop.
8. If you sign up for the Supplemental Workshop, you will also receive a separate email the week of April 8 to confirm your session.

<u>Main Workshop #</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Supplemental Workshop #</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Times</u>
1	Sunday 5/19 Wednesday 5/22 Thursday 5/23 Tuesday 5/28	6-8:30 p.m. 6-8:30 p.m. 6-8:30 p.m. 6-8:30 p.m.	1	Wednesday 8/7	6-8 p.m.
2	Sunday 6/9 Monday 6/10 Wednesday 6/12 Tuesday 6/18	6-8:30 p.m. 6-8:30 p.m. 6-8:30 p.m. 6-8:30 p.m.	2	Thursday 8/15	8:30-10:30 a.m.
3	Tuesday 6/11 Thursday 6/13 Monday 6/17 Thursday 6/20	6-8:30 p.m. 8:30-11 a.m. 6-8:30 p.m. 8:30-11 a.m.			
4	Tuesday 7/16 Thursday 7/18 Saturday 7/20 Tuesday 7/23	6-8:30 p.m. 8:30-11 a.m. 8:30-11 a.m. 6-8:30 p.m.			
5	Tuesday 8/6 Thursday 8/8 Saturday 8/10 Tuesday 8/13	6-8:30 p.m. 8:30-11 a.m. 8:30-11 a.m. 6-8:30 p.m.			

Fees:

Main Essay Workshop \$205

Main Essay Plus Supplemental \$245

A portion of the proceeds benefits Solon Academic Boosters. **No refunds**; student may switch to another workshop if space is available.

Note: A minimum number of students is required to hold each workshop. A workshop enrollment will close once the maximum number of students is reached. All sessions are held at **SHS in the Media Center**.

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