



APPLICATION ESSAY TIPS

The essays are the most important part of the online application. They are a chance to show off your writing skills and tell us about yourself. Don't rush this section. Instead, use the tips below to produce your best possible work. Good luck!

Be yourself and be passionate

If the subject doesn't matter to you, it won't matter to the reader. Don't write what you think we want to hear – write what you really believe and feel.

Brainstorm your topic

Set a 5-minute timer and write as much as you can in response to the question. Identify where you wrote with the most passion and enthusiasm. There's your topic.

Make a plan

So you have a topic—now you need to figure out how to support it. Make a list of details and moments related to your topic, and pick the most exciting ones to share with BRYC.

Get to it

250 words is not a lot of space to write out your ideas. Let us know right away what you want to discuss. And keep it simple: focus on making your sentences clear and direct.

Don't forget the question

Read through your rough draft and make sure you're answering the question. It's easy to start off in the right direction, then wind up getting sidetracked. Stay on target!

Get some help

Have a friend or family member you trust read your draft. Ask them to point out places they find confusing or unclear, and fix those spots. (Pro-tip: this person may also help identify spelling or grammar mistakes!)

Still need help with your BRYC application and essays?

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Get help from the very people who will review your application!

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