

# USING AI FOR YOUR COLLEGE ESSAY

## A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Using artificial intelligence can be helpful while you're planning or editing your college essay - but only if you're doing it the right way.

### *Here's how to use AI during different parts of the writing process:*

#### ✓ **Brainstorm Essay Topics**

Not sure what to write about? Try typing something like this into a tool like ChatGPT: "I'm writing my college essay and need ideas. I'm a high school senior who.. [add 3-4 details such as work/volunteer experience, hobbies, siblings, etc]."

#### ✓ **Make a Quick Outline**

Once you have a topic, you can ask: "Can you help me outline my college essay about [insert topic]?"

#### ✓ **Polish Your Draft**

When your draft is done, try: "Can you suggest ways to fix grammar or awkward sentences in this paragraph? [paste your paragraph]"

### **Bottom Line:**



Use AI as a tool to help you get started and clean things up but never as a shortcut to skip the thinking and writing. Your college essay should be your story, in your words. Never let a chatbot write your essay for you.