

Nelson Resource Center



Where students meet success

College Application Services

	Comprehensive College Application Package	Common Application Package
Guidance through the Common Application	✓	✓
Guidance through the Coalition Application	✓	
Guidance through Direct-to-Institution Applications	✓	
College Application Calendar and Scheduling Assistance <i>Customized for each student</i>	✓	
 Application Strategy, Guidance, and Advising Sessions <i>Weekly, 30 minutes</i>	✓	
Application Consulting Session <i>One-time kicking off academic term, for one hour</i>		✓
School Selection Counseling	✓	
Resume Advising and Writing <i>For one (1) covering extracurriculars</i>	✓	
 Recommendations Guidance <i>In selecting references and requesting letters of recommendation</i>	✓	
Personal Statement Ideation and Assistance <i>One-on-one, for one (1) Common Application or longer essay of your choice</i>	✓	✓
 Supplemental Essay Advising <i>One-on-one, for up to three (3) school or application essays</i>	✓	
Summer Essay Workshop <i>\$150 value</i>	✓	
"Additional Information" Application Section <i>Specific consultation and editing assistance</i>	✓	✓
"Activities" Application Section <i>Specific consultation and editing assistance</i>	✓	✓
 Final Application Check	✓	✓
Customized Scholarship Advisement	✓	✓
College Decision Counseling <i>Upon acceptance</i>	✓	

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\$5,250
value!

\$3,000/application year
(35 hours)

\$1,500/application year
(10 hours)

Summer Essay Workshop

In July, Nelson Resource Center will provide a half-day, essay-writing workshop specifically tailored to help students **find their story**—one that will make admissions committees take notice. Our facilitator will guide students in identifying the narrative structure that best showcases their strengths. At the end of the workshop, each student will walk away with a prepared outline to guide the development of their optimal essay.

After the workshop, once your student has drafted their essay, Nelson Resource Center can also provide expertise essay planning and review services. *See our Essay Planning below for more information.*

Personal Statement/ Essay Planning

Nelson Resource Center understands that not all students need comprehensive, start-to-finish essay or personal statement development assistance. Our staff are experienced at helping students perfect essay drafts through our hourly planning services. This way, you only pay for what your student needs for their individual success.

Our Essay Planning is a simple, three-step process:

- ✓ First, our staff will review your student's essay draft for overall readability, consistency, and interest. We will specifically consider if the essay effectively answers the prompt question(s), presents the student distinctively, is organized logically, and provides engaging introductions and impactful conclusions. Then, we will provide your student with feedback and recommended improvements specifically focused on **content**.
- ✓ Second, once your student has accordingly revised their essay content, we will focus our second review on details related to **execution**. More specifically, this review will include feedback on clarity, grammar, style, spelling, and word usage.
- ✓ Lastly, once your student has made their final revisions, they can submit their final essay with confidence.

Application Consulting

Nelson Resource Center appreciates that parents and students alike have numerous questions about applying for college. Many of these questions relate to:

- ✓ **Selecting schools** — Where should I apply? What are my chances at top schools?
- ✓ **Understanding your admissions profile** — How can I make the most of my achievements, extracurricular activities, volunteer experience, and distinctive background? How do my SAT/ACT scores and high school GPA measure up?
- ✓ **Overcoming weaknesses** — How can I overcome possible negatives in my profile? How can I distinguish myself from the competition?
- ✓ **Long-term planning and positioning** — What will I study? Should I consider schools with strong pre-med/pre-law/joint BA/MA programs?

Nelson Resource Center staff are both experienced and trained to answer these questions and guide you throughout the admissions process.

To begin, your student will provide their resume (if they have one) and academic information. Then, we will discuss with your student their personal background, extracurricular activities, community service, goals, and concerns and weaknesses, all to ascertain a holistic and deep understanding of their admissions profile. Then, our staff will guide you and your student's approach to the application process, as well as provide options to answer your most important application questions.

Final Application Check

Your student has written their personal statement, recorded their extracurriculars, and highlighted their accomplishments. But, are they ready to hit "submit"? Have they succeeded in creating a compelling, distinctive portrait that will convince the admissions committee that they belong at their school?

Nelson Resource Center will review your student's essays, resume, and short answer/optional question answers and provide valuable feedback from the admissions perspective. If your student's application can be improved, we will provide recommendations that will enable them to submit with confidence.