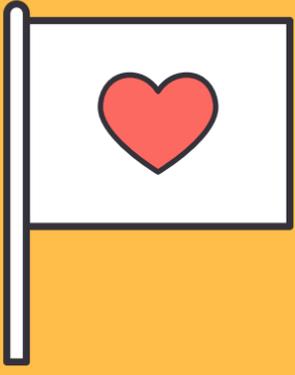


5 TIPS FOR WRITING A PERSONAL STATEMENT



WHAT YOU NEED TO INCLUDE

- Academic history
- Career goals
- Community
- Reasons for applying to the school
- Volunteer work
- Experiential learning



MAKE USE OF PROMPTS

- Personal history
- Facing a problem
- Diversity
- Future goals
- Why this school
- Creative prompts



BE EFFECTIVE BY

- Expressing who you are
- Being honest
- Using expressive writing
- Making the first paragraph the best paragraph



UNDERSTAND YOUR COMPETITION

- Be unique and avoid cliches
- Mention your inspiration for the program
- Talk about your ambitions
- Be specific and result oriented
- Write about something that matters to you. Use your own voice



AVOID THE FOLLOWING

- Writing what you think the admissions committee wants to hear.
- Using empty, vague, over-used words like "meaningful," "beautiful," "challenging," "invaluable," or "rewarding."
- Overwriting a minor point about yourself.
- Oversharing
- Repeating information directly from the application form itself unless you use it to illustrate a point or want to develop it further.
- Emphasizing on the negative.
- Getting too personal about religion or politics