

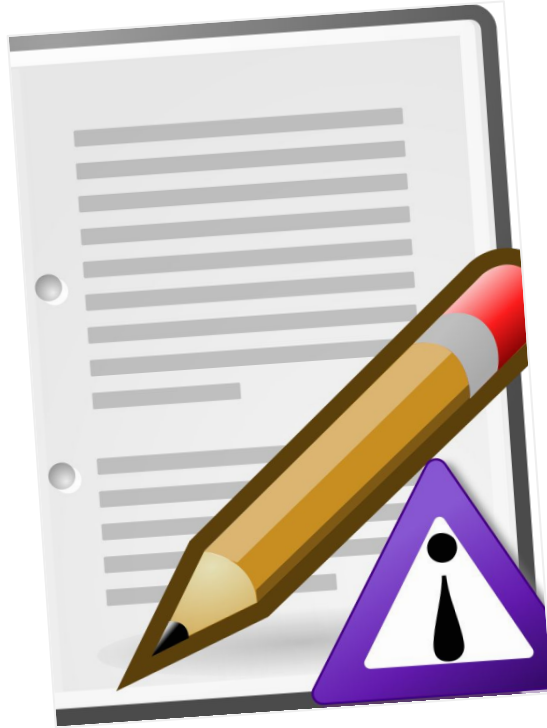


CENTRAL VALLEY
SCHOLARS

College Essay Applications



**Take 7-9
minutes to
read the
example
essay**



El ensayo

Highlights

1. Briefly describes the organization
2. Explains HOW the organization was beneficial to them and what they gained from the experience
3. Gives detailed examples of aspects from the program that helped them grow as a person (i.e. improved public speaking skills)
4. Concludes the essay by redirecting the focus back to themselves and how the experience changed them

Do's

1. SAR statements
 - a. Situation, action, result
2. Revert your topic back to you
 - a. Refer back to the example essay
3. Know it is okay to boast yourself up
4. Write about something you are *passionate* about

Don't

1. Take up too many words talking about an organization/other people
 - a. Briefly describe the organization or another person, but do not make the essay all about them
2. Scratch any ideas that you may have
 - a. No idea is a bad idea!
 - i. Free write with any thought/ idea you may have in case you come back to it
3. Assume something is too personal
 - a. Write about what you're comfortable sharing, but also take risks



El agenda

What to do

1. Pull out “Essay Questions” document
2. Look at the questions for applications
3. Start brainstorming one for each

Mentors will be walking around and are available to answer questions!