Five Tips for an Application Essay

1. **Develop a Theme:** Instead of listing every extracurricular activity you have done or all the things you have participated in while at Eaglebrook, write one consistent theme that says who you are as a student and individual.

2. **Proofread, Proofread, Proofread:** Nothing looks worse on an admissions essay than grammar or spelling errors. Proofread your essay, correct the errors and then write it again. Try reading it out loud to help ensure that all mistakes are corrected.

3. **Think Critically:** As you proofread your essay, think critically about every sentence and every paragraph. Could you write something differently to make a bigger impact? Is your choice of words appropriate and correct? How can you improve upon what you have written to make it even better? Put it down for a few days, then re-read it.

4. **Ask for Editing Help:** Your parents, siblings, friends, adviser or your English teacher may have ideas that can help your admission essay become that one element that gives your application that extra look by the admission committee.

5. **Revise Accordingly:** As you work through these steps, revise your essay accordingly. Each time you do, go right back to step number one and edit your essay again. If you work through these steps a few times, you will get to the point where you feel your essay cannot be improved any more.

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