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The Short Story: College Planning, Essay and Application Support (Rising Junior, Junior or Rising Senior Start) standoutcollegeadvising.com

Package Description

The Short Story 20 hour advising package defaults to 15 hours of live virtual meetings and up to 5 hours of asynchronous time to be spent on review of materials, research, written feedback, and general correspondence (summaries, task lists, check-ins) as per the needs and direction of the student. This balance may be adjusted by mutual agreement upon the request of the student or the recommendation of the advisor.

Meeting One (90 minutes) will be a comprehensive advising intensive. We'll discuss transcripts and test scores, evaluate activities and interests, and explore college expectations and hesitations. If there's an IEP or 504, we'll talk about that, too. The student will leave with next steps in hand, a few colleges to explore, a detailed family questionnaire, and Meeting Two on the calendar.

Meeting Two (60 minutes) will roadmap the application cycle and onboard the student into College Planner Pro, which we'll use for communication, tracking tasks, college list building, analysis of admissions probability, and general deadline/project management. We'll also establish an advising cadence by scheduling our next 3-5 meetings.

Meetings 3-15

One size does not fit all. Each student's journey through the application process will be unique. Our meeting cadence will take into account the need for career and curriculum advising, the type and number of applications, and the rigor of any supplemental essays, in addition to the student's individual needs and priorities.

Advising hours prior to August 1st of Rising Senior Summer may include:

- Identification and development of leadership, self-study, unique activities
- Summer enrichment planning; community outreach; legacy projects
- Strategies for academic success and additional rigor
- Connections with SAT/ACT support and academic subject tutoring

Exploration of interests and majors; interdisciplinary careers
Requesting meaningful, effective letters of recommendation
Finalizing a balanced and appropriate college list
Campus visit preparation and follow-up
Admissions correspondence support
Resume review, social media search and clean-up; Linked-In
Blocking of Common Application sections (Additional Info; Special Circumstances)
Essay brainstorming, personalized prompts
Writing tutorials; close readings of successful essays
Narrative alignment of key applications with college mission statements

Advising hours after August 1st of Rising Senior Summer may focus on:

Intensive focus on personal essay drafts
Strategic, meaningful research in support of supplementals
Brainstorming & drafting PIQs (if applying to University of California schools)
Honors college essays
Finalization of Activities lists
Continued admissions correspondence support
Mock interviews and/or interview preparation (when relevant)
Additional scholarship search and support (as time permits)
Review of LOCI and admissions offers
Other (as directed by the student)

The advising relationship will terminate when the terms of the package are fulfilled (20 hours) or on May 1st of the student's senior year, whichever comes first.