

College Essay Format Common App

The Common App and APA (American Psychological Association) are two distinct formats for writing college essays. The Common App is commonly used for college admissions essays, while APA format is typically used for academic papers and research.

Here's a sample college essay format for the Common App:

- **Title:** [Your Essay Title]
- **Word Count:** [Total Word Count]
- **Font:** Times New Roman, 12-point
- **Spacing:** Double-spaced
- **Margins:** 1-inch on all sides

Heading:

- Your name
- Your high school
- Application essay (or Personal Statement)
- Date of submission

Structure:

- **Introduction:** Begin with a compelling opening that grabs the reader's attention and introduces your topic. State your thesis or the main point you'll be addressing.
- **Body:** Write multiple paragraphs that develop your main ideas. Each paragraph should have a clear topic sentence, and evidence or examples to support your points.
- **Conclusion:** Summarize your main points and restate your thesis in different words. End with a strong concluding statement.
- **Word Limit:** Follow the word limit specified by the Common App, usually around 650 words. Ensure that your essay does not exceed this limit.