

Personal Essay Rubric

Criteria	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Minimum	Score & Comments
Presentation/ Format	* Typed * Clean & neat * Multi-paragraph * Professional font, 12pt	* Typed * Multi-paragraph * Professional font, 12pt	* Typed * Multi-paragraph * Inappropriate font & size	* Typed, faint * Multi-paragraph format not used * Inappropriate font & size	
Ranking Points	10	8	7	5-0	
Content- Introduction	* Introduction captures the reader's attention * Intro begins with a quotation, a challenge, a reflection, etc.	* Introduction attempts to capture the reader's attention * Intro begins with a quotation, a challenge, a reflection, etc.	* Intro begins with a question or does not inspire the reader	* No recognizable introduction or is muddled * Intro does not relate to the writing prompt	
Ranking Points	10	8	7	5-0	
Content- Main Body	* Body focuses on student's past, present & future * Directly relates to writing prompt * Essay is 450-600 words *No or very few repeated or unnecessary words	* Body focuses on student's past, present & future * Directly relates to writing prompt * Essay is 450-600 words *A few repeated or unnecessary words	* Body includes student's past, present & future * Sometimes relates to writing prompt * Essay is 450-600 words *Some repeated or unnecessary words	* Body includes some of student's past, present & future * Barely relates to writing prompt * Essay is not 450-600 words *Many repeated or unnecessary words	
Ranking Points	10	8	7	5-0	
Content- Closing	* Conclusion is very personal & ties in w/intro * Leaves the reader with a strong idea of who the writer is * Conveys a clear vision for the future	* Conclusion is personal & ties in w/intro * Leaves the reader with an idea of who the writer is * Conveys a vision for the future	* Conclusion is personal & ties in w/intro * Leaves the reader with somewhat of an idea of who the writer is	* Conclusion is not particularly personal & doesn't tie in with intro * Leaves the reader with a vague idea of who the writer is	
Ranking Points	10	8	7	5-0	
Spelling & Grammar	* No spelling errors * No grammar errors	* 1-2 spelling errors * 1-2 grammar errors	* 3-4 spelling errors * 3-4 grammar errors	* 5-6 spelling errors * 506 grammar errors	
Ranking Points	10	8	7	5-0	
Total:					/50

