

# COLLEGE APPLICATION COMMON APP. ESSAY BOOT CAMP AT TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL!

*A four-day writing workshop in October to help students prepare their Common App essays!*

Hosted by  
Torrance High PTA  
Provided by  
DB Academics

In the Common Application, used for entering freshmen at over 900 colleges across the world, students must write an essay of 250-650 words with the instruction simply to "Tell Your Story." Beyond classes, grades, and test scores, colleges want to know something about the student's background, values, passions, and accomplishments. This workshop will meet 4 times, 2 hours each time, with 1 hour of instruction/discussion using tip sheets and model essays, and 1 hour of in-class writing and review by peers and the teacher, practicing ways that respond to each of the guiding prompts in the application and formulating them into one excellent essay.

## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

<b>Monday, October 17</b>	4:30-6:30pm
<b>Wednesday, October 19</b>	4:30-6:30pm
<b>Monday, October 24</b>	4:30-6:30pm
<b>Wednesday, October 26</b>	4:30-6:30pm

Room: TBA\*

**Cost: \$95.00**

**\*Note: If circumstances warrant, and this could happen very quickly, the boot camp instruction will move to a remote format via Zoom.**



## Course Content

### ▲ Meeting 1

Tip Sheet: Basic Types of Essays  
Lecture: Description Writing  
Definition Writing  
In-Class Writing/Review Topics:  
Background and Identity  
Interests and Talents

### ▲ Meeting 2

Tip Sheet: Pre-Writing the Essay  
Lecture: Narration Writing  
Process Writing  
In-Class Writing/Review Topics:  
Lessons from Obstacles  
Challenges to an Opinion or Idea

### ▲ Meeting 3

Tip Sheet: Essay Writing Template  
Lecture: Comparison/Contrast Writing  
Cause-Effect Writing  
In-Class Writing/Review Topics:  
Gratitude and Its Effects  
Results of an Accomplishment

### ▲ Meeting 4

Tip Sheet: Common Mechanical Errors  
Lecture: Analysis Writing  
Persuasion Writing  
In-Class Writing/Review Topics:  
Passion for an Idea  
A Second Look at an Earlier Essay



## About DB Academics

DB Academics is a professional test prep company located in Rolling Hills Estates. This boot camp will be taught by Diane Sippl, PhD, an experienced writing teacher with a doctorate from UC Irvine.

*Registration deadline is **Friday, October 14.***

*Walk-ups are welcome if space is available, but must pay in cash.*



**Registration Form on Reverse Side**

**Questions?** Please contact DB Academics at 310-377-4509 or [daacad777@yahoo.com](mailto:daacad777@yahoo.com) or check out their website at [dbacademics.com](http://dbacademics.com)

You may also contact Dennis Kikuno, THS PTA Chair, at 310-567-8934 or [dkikuno@aol.com](mailto:dkikuno@aol.com) with questions or for registration information.

**To Enroll:** *Option 1:* Visit the DB Academics website ([dbacademics.com](http://dbacademics.com)) to sign up and pay electronically.

Click *Test Prep* on the top menu and select *HS Programs*. Click *Torrance High School*, find *Common App Essay Boot Camp*, and then click *Add to Cart*.

*Option 2:* Mail a check for \$95.00 payable to DB Academics with the form below to:

**DB Academics  
777 Silver Spur Road, Suite 123  
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274**

***Payment is non-refundable.***

*An email confirmation will be sent upon receipt of payment.*

*An email announcing room number will be sent prior to first meeting.*

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Enclose a check for \$95.00 payable to DB Academics (if registering by mail).

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email address (please print) \_\_\_\_\_