

# Woodside Learning Center

## Personal Narratives (College and Scholarship Application Essays) 1-12 Weeks (Self-Paced), Rolling Enrollment, Grades 10-12, Online Only

Instructor: Cyndy McKinley

Tuition: \$120

In this course, students will create a personal narrative appropriate for a college admissions or scholarship essay. Through brainstorming activities, students will gain insight into their personalities, strengths, and character. The course breaks the writing process into multiple steps, with tips for creating an essay that shows the student's own voice. Mrs. McKinley will review and comment on three drafts, while encouraging individuality and authenticity. Most students will focus on the prompts for the Common Application, but they can also choose essay prompts from other sources. Upon completion of this class, students should have a polished essay, ready to submit with their college applications.

Students work in a fully online environment. They will engage in online lessons and email assignments. In addition, they have the opportunity to occasionally interact with each other via discussion forums and activities. Because this class runs "asynchronously" (participants do not need to be online at the same time), students have the ability to work when their schedules allow. There is no set "class time."

Unlike other Woodside courses, students in this class can complete the modules at their own pace. The recommended pace is one week per module (one month for the entire course), but it is possible to complete all of the lessons in one week. Be aware, however, that Mrs. McKinley may not be able to review your draft the same day that you submit it. If you are on a tight deadline, please contact us at the beginning of the course to verify that her schedule can accommodate yours. The maximum course length is three months (90 days). If you wish to remain active beyond this deadline, you will need to contact us to extend your enrollment.

The tuition includes unlimited access to the online class site with lessons, activities, and educational resources. It also includes up to four hours of Mrs. McKinley's time (reviewing essays and communicating with the student and parent via email). Arrangements can be made for additional guidance (to refine the original essay or to work on multiple essays) at a rate of \$25/hr.

Module	Topic
#1	Brainstorming and Essay Prompts
#2	Essay Tips & First Draft
#3	Editing Tips & Second Draft
#4	Final Polish

*Schedule subject to change*

**Pay with check or Paypal** (checks payable to Cyndy McKinley)

**Registration:** Please visit our website to download a registration form. [www.woodsidelc.com](http://www.woodsidelc.com)

**Contact Information:**

For more information or a registration form please visit our class website or contact Cyndy McKinley  
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