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ESSAY TEMPLATE PACK

These templates are here to help your student organize their thoughts and get started - without sounding scripted. Each one follows a common scholarship or college essay prompt type. Your student should adapt the structure to fit their story and voice.

Leadership Essay Template

- Hook: A short moment where you stepped up or took charge.
- Context: What was happening, and why did it matter?
- Actions: What specific steps did you take?
- Challenges: What obstacles did you face?
- Growth: What did you learn about yourself or others?
- Tie-in: How does this connect to your future goals or values?

Service & Impact Essay Template

- Hook: A moment you helped someone or contributed to a cause.
- Why It Mattered: Why did this experience stick with you?
- What You Did: Be specific - paint a clear picture.
- What You Learned: Reflect on impact, not just hours served.
- Connection: How has it shaped what you care about today?

Overcoming Challenge Essay Template

- Hook: A moment of tension, stress, or uncertainty.
- The Challenge: What made this hard - emotionally or practically?
- Your Response: How did you handle it or grow from it?
- What Changed: What did this teach you about yourself?
- Forward Motion: How has it influenced your goals or mindset?

Academic Curiosity / Honors College Essay Template

- Hook: A moment you were excited to learn something new.
- What Sparked It: A class, a project, a book, or experience.
- What You Explored: How did you go deeper than expected?
- Why It Matters: How does this connect to your field or goals?
- Fit: Why is this program/school a great match for your curiosity?

"Why This School?" Program-Specific Template

- Hook: What drew you to this college initially?
- Fit: What specific programs, professors, or values align with your goals?
- Connection: How will you contribute to this community?
- Bridge: How does this school support your long-term goals?
- Close: Reinforce why this is the right fit for you (and you for them).

