

FINAL POLISH GUIDE

This guide helps your student do a final pass on their essay - not to rewrite it, but to tighten, clarify, and strengthen what's already there. You don't need to be an English teacher. Just ask good questions and help them reflect.

Clarity Questions

- What's the clearest moment or turning point in this essay?
- Are there any parts where the reader might get confused?
- Could the same idea be said more simply or clearly?

Reflection Questions

- Does the essay go beyond just describing what happened?
- What does this story say about who you are today?
- Is there a moment where you show growth or change?

Relevance & Fit Questions

- Does the essay clearly answer the prompt?
- Would a reader understand why you're a good fit for this scholarship or program?
- Are your goals, values, or direction clear by the end?

Clean-Up Checklist

- Is every sentence doing real work?
- Have you cut unnecessary introductions or repetition?
- Have you read it out loud to hear the rhythm and tone?