Need Help on Your College Essay?

The following list of Williams College and community writing coaches are willing to assist MG juniors & seniors with the crafting/revision process. Simply contact them directly, introduce yourself and ask for their help looking over your essay draft.

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**Phil Smith** worked full-time in admission at Williams for 40 years and read applications for an additional 14 years after retirement. He is happy to meet with any college essay writer and to help him/her in putting together an essay that best describes the values, experiences and qualities that the writer wants the college to understand and appreciate. [Philip.F.Smith@williams.edu](mailto:Philip.F.Smith@williams.edu)

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- Be prepared with an early draft of your personal college essay **before** contacting a college essay coach.
- Feel free to contact one of the volunteers provided on our list by email for feedback and assistance.
- If s/he is unable to assist you, contact another volunteer.
- Once you’ve found someone to help you, try to keep your email conversation to two or three exchanges and be sure to thank your volunteer.

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