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More and more schools are posting “Essays that Worked” under their admissions tabs. This is meant to alleviate some stress when applicants ask, “What are you looking for??” Rather than letting yourself get overwhelmed by all the samples, note that they all have something in common: they reflect the writers who wrote them. There is no one-size-fits-all for this. As such, don’t try to emulate something you saw. Instead, let it *inspire* you to write something that is very you:

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