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### Collage Essay

While growing up my family would tell me stories of their life experiences. They have guided me and taught me essential lessons, I always enjoyed learning about. My family's experiences never registered as reality in my brain until I was older. Once I had matured I realized these situations happen not only in movies but in life. The most important learning moment in my life was when my mother and grandmother shared how they got to this country.

Once my grandmother noticed that there weren't any adequate opportunities in the Dominican Republic that could support her and her two daughters, she came to the conclusion to move to the US. Once she arrived she had to live in dangerous places since that's all she could afford she made the decision to leave her daughters in DR with her family while my mother was in other's care she faced abuse and so did my grandma on top of the intersectional discrimination she faced being a poor immigrant woman of color.

Their only motivation was knowing that one day they'd be together. That day happened to be 10 years later. After that day I realized the privilege I had of being born in a country. Thousands of people a day risk their lives to get an opportunity to come here. I could never be away from my mother for that long, let alone grow up without her. I owe it to my family and all the people who can't come to this country to do my best and take advantage of the opportunities. It gives me an incentive to work harder. Make my family proud and let them know their hard work is appreciated.

I come from a long line of single working women. It makes me proud because that same blood is running through my veins. I have the same power and will that they do. Because of them, I can follow my dreams while making their dreams a reality for that I'm eternally grateful.

**Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.**

## College Essay Rubric 2023-2024

Student Evaluation	<b>Criteria</b> <i>AE= Approaching Expectations      ME= Meets Expectations</i> <i>EE= Exceeds Expectations</i>	Teacher Evaluation
	<b>Quality:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Audience Voice               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Does it sound professional?</li> <li>○ Does it sound like you?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Prompt               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Does it answer the prompt?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Grammar               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Were general suggested grammar and spelling mistakes corrected?</li> <li>○ Little to no spelling/grammar mistakes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Polish               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Does it look and feel finished and in MLA format?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<b>Quantity:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Word Count               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Does the essay get as close to 350 words as possible without going over?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<b>Skill:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sentence Combining               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Does the essay use complex sentences to say more with less words?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<b>Student Writing Goal:</b>  <i>Professional voice</i>	
	<b>OVERALL EVALUATION</b>	