

## PERSONAL STATEMENT EVALUATION FORM

**Writing Evaluation:** Strong writing skills are a key component to success in college. Admissions counselors will use the personal statement to evaluate the student's writing abilities.

*How well does the student do the following:*

	N/A	Poor	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Exceptional
Write a mechanically sound essay						
Exhibit a comfortable writing style						
Write good sentences and paragraphs						
Address the question asked						
Capture the reader's attention within the first 30 seconds						
Discuss a theme						
Provide sufficient amount of examples, anecdotes and imagery						
Get in and out of the essay with some finesse						
Stay focused throughout the entire essay						
Write with style, nuance and creativity						
Stay within word limit (500-600 words)						
Create proportional paragraph structure						
Write with a distinctive voice						

**Content Evaluation:** Admissions counselors are creating a community and looking to see how the applicant would fit in that community.

*How well does the student do the following:*

	N/A	Poor	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Exceptional
Show what he/she would bring to the community						
Show that he / she would be a positive addition to the community						
Show what sets him/her apart from other applicants						
Convey that he / she is:						
humble						
mature						
compassionate						
Avoid repeating information that is on resume, transcript, scores						

