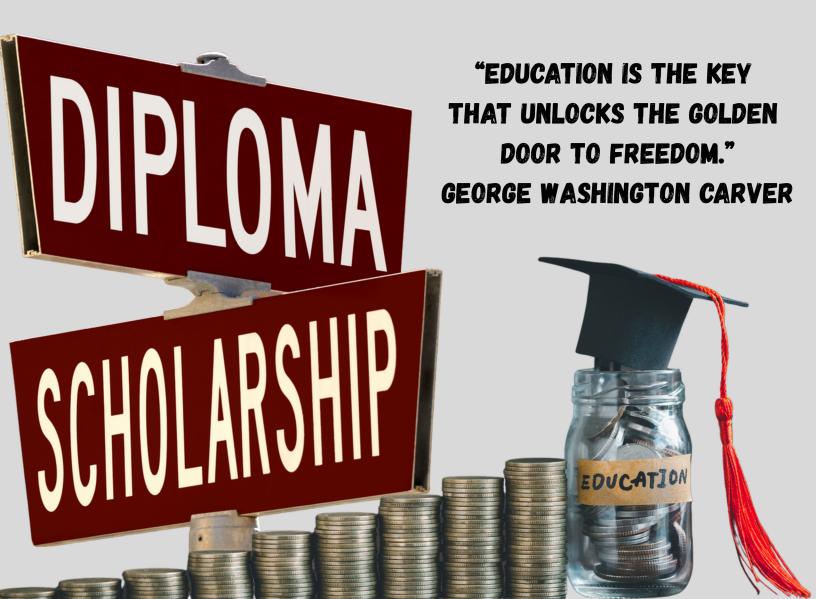


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Dear CWA Members:

CWA Local 1040 is excited to provide our second annual educational scholarship pamphlet to you. The Local 1040 Education Committee has worked diligently to create this publication, which includes tools for writing scholarship essays, a guide on transitional phrases to assist scholarship applicants in the writing process, and access to dozens of scholarships throughout the enclosed embedded web-based links.

Local 1040 is an avid supporter of education attainment. We encourage our members to pursue their educational goals and provide various annual scholarship opportunities for our members and their families through the Carolyn C. Wade Memorial Scholarship Fund. Additionally, our CWA National Office awards several annual scholarships, valued at \$4,000, through the Joe Beirne Scholarship. Lastly, through our Union Plus Program, which is exclusive to union members, we offer free college programs and other scholarship opportunities.

The Local recognizes the importance of education in reducing poverty and creating sustainable generational change. As the cost of education continues to rise, we are happy to offer support to students. Let's come together to celebrate and support our members and their families as they pursue these valuable opportunities.

In Solidarity,

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SCHOLARSHIP WRITING TIPS AND MATERIALS

Be Authentic

More than any other consideration, you should choose a topic or point of view that is consistent with who you truly are. Readers can sense when writers are inauthentic.

Inauthenticity could mean the use of overly flowery language that no one would ever use in conversation, or it could mean choosing an inconsequential topic that reveals very little about who you are.

Use your own voice, sense of humor, and a natural way of speaking.

Whatever subject you choose, make sure it's something that's genuinely important to you and not a subject you've chosen just to impress. You can write about a specific experience, hobby, or personality quirk that illustrates your strengths, but also feel free to write about your weaknesses.

Honesty about traits, situations, or a childhood background that you are working to improve may resonate with the reader more strongly than a glib victory speech.

Grab the Reader from the Start

You'll be competing with so many other applicants for an admission officer's attention.

Therefore, start your essay with an opening sentence or paragraph that immediately seizes the imagination. This might be a bold statement, a thoughtful quote, a question you pose, or a descriptive scene. Starting your essay in a powerful way with a clear thesis statement can often help you along in the writing process. If your task is to tell a good story, a bold beginning can be a natural prelude to getting there, serving as a roadmap, engaging the reader from the start, and presenting the purpose of your writing.

Focus on Deeper Themes

Some essay writers think they will impress committees by loading an essay with facts, figures, and descriptions of activities, like wins in sports or descriptions of volunteer work. But that's not the point. College admissions officers are interested in learning more about who you are as a person and what makes you tick.

They want to know what has brought you to this stage in life. They want to read about realizations you may have come to through adversity as well as your successes, not just about how many games you won while on the soccer team or how many people you served at a soup kitchen.

Let the reader know how winning the soccer game helped you develop as a person, friend, family member, or leader. Make a connection with your soup kitchen volunteerism and how it may have inspired your educational journey and future aspirations. What did you discover about yourself?

Show Don't Tell

As you expand on whatever theme you've decided to explore in your essay, remember to show, don't tell. The most engaging writing "shows" by setting scenes and providing anecdotes, rather than just providing a list of accomplishments and activities.

Reciting a list of activities is also boring. An admissions officer will want to know about the arc of your emotional journey too.

Try Doing Something Different

If you want your essay to stand out, think about approaching your subject from an entirely new perspective. While many students might choose to write about their wins, for instance, what if you wrote an essay about what you learned from all your losses? If you are an especially talented writer, you might play with the element of surprise by crafting an essay that leaves the response to a question to the very last sentence. You may want to stay away from well-worn themes entirely, like a sports-related obstacle or success, volunteer stories, immigration stories, moving, a summary of personal achievements or overcoming obstacles. However, such themes are popular for a reason. They represent the totality of most people's lives coming out of high school. Therefore, it may be less important to stay away from these topics than to take a fresh approach.

Write With the Reader in Mind

Writing for the reader means building a clear and logical argument in which one thought flows naturally from another. Use transitions between paragraphs. Think about any information you may have left out that the reader may need to know. Are there ideas you have included that do not help illustrate your theme? Be sure you can answer questions such as: Does what you have written make sense? Is the essay organized? Does the opening grab the reader? Is there a strong ending? Have you given enough background information? Is it wordy?

Write Several Drafts

Set your essay aside for a few days and come back to it after you've had some time to forget what you've written. Often, you'll discover you have a whole new perspective that enhances your ability to make revisions. Start writing months before your essay is due to give yourself enough time to write multiple drafts. A good time to start could be as early as the summer before your senior year when homework and extracurricular activities take up less time.

Read It Aloud

Writer's tip

Reading your essay aloud can instantly uncover passages that sound clumsy, long-winded, or false.

Don't Repeat

If you've mentioned an activity, story, or anecdote in some other part of your application, don't repeat it again in your essay. Your essay should tell college admissions officers something new. Whatever you write in your essay should be in philosophical alignment with the rest of your application.

Also, be sure you've answered whatever question, or prompt may have been posed to you at the outset.

Ask Others to Read Your Essay

Be sure the people you ask to read your essay represent different demographic groups—a teacher, a parent, even a younger sister or brother. Ask each reader what they took from the essay and listen closely to what they have to say. If anyone expresses confusion, revise until the confusion is cleared up.

Pav Attention to Form

Although there are often no strict word limits for college essays, most essays are shorter rather than longer. Common App, which students can use to submit to multiple colleges, suggests that essays stay at about 650 words. "While we won't as a rule stop reading after 650 words, we cannot promise that an overly wordy essay will hold our attention for as long as you'd hoped it would," the Common App website states. In reviewing other technical aspects of your essay, be sure that the font is readable, that the margins are properly spaced, that any dialogue is set off properly, and that there is enough spacing at the top. Your essay should look clean and inviting to readers.

End Your Essay With a "Kicker"

In journalism, a kicker is the last punchy line, paragraph, or section that brings everything together. It provides a lasting impression that leaves the reader satisfied and impressed by the points you have artfully woven throughout your piece.

So, here's our kicker: Be concise and coherent, engage in honest self-reflection, and include vivid details and anecdotes that deftly illustrate your point.

While writing a fantastic essay may not guarantee you get selected, it can tip the balance in your favor if admissions officers are considering a candidate with a similar GPA and background. Write, revise, revise again, and good luck!

Found on: https://summer.harvard.edu/blog/12-strategies-to-writing-the-perfect-college-essay

Transition Words

As a "part of speech" **transition words** are used to link words, phrases or sentences. They help the reader to progress from one idea (expressed by the author) to the next idea. Thus, they help to build up coherent relationships within the text.

Transitional Words

after all

This structured list of commonly used English **transition words** — approximately 200, can be considered as quasi complete. It can be used (by students and teachers alike) to find the right expression. English transition words are essential, since they not only connect ideas, but also can introduce a certain shift, contrast or opposition, emphasis or agreement, purpose, result or conclusion, etc. in the line of argument.

The transition words and phrases have been assigned only once to somewhat artificial categories, although some words belong to more than one category.

There is some overlapping with » prepositions and postpositions, but for the purpose of usage and completeness of this concise quide, I did not differentiate.

AGREEMENT / ADDITION / SIMILARITY

The transition words like also, in addition, and, likewise, add information, reinforce ideas, and express agreement with preceding material.

in the first place moreover again not only ... but also to as well as as a matter of fact together with and of course in like manner also in addition then likewise coupled with equally comparatively in the same fashion / way identically correspondingly first, second, third uniquely similarly in the light of like furthermore not to mention additionally as to say nothing too equally important by the same token

OPPOSITION / LIMITATION / CONTRADICTION

Transition phrases like *but*, *rather* and *or*, express that there is evidence to the **contrary** or point out **alternatives**, and thus introduce a change the line of reasoning (**contrast**).

although this may be true but although (and) still in contrast instead different from unlike whereas of course ..., but or despite on the other hand (and) yet conversely on the contrary while otherwise albeit however at the same time in spite of besides rather even so / though as much as nevertheless be that as it may even though nonetheless then again regardless above all notwithstanding in reality

CAUSE / CONDITION / PURPOSE

These transitional phrases present specific conditions or intentions.

In the event that granted (that) as / so long as on (the) condition (that) for the purpose of with this intention

with this in mind in the hope that

to the end that for fear that

in order to seeing / being that in view of If ... then unless

when whenever while

because of

as since while lest in case provided that given that

only / even if so that so as to owing to inasmuch as

due

EXAMPLES / SUPPORT / EMPHASIS

These transitional devices (like **especially**) are used to introduce examples as **support**, to indicate **importance** or as an **illustration** so that an idea is cued to the reader.

in other words
to put it differently
for one thing
as an illustration
in case of
for this reason
to put it another way
that is to say

that is to say with attention to by all means

important to realize another key point first thing to remember most compelling evidence must be remembered point often overlooked

to point out on the positive side on the negative side with this in mind notably
including
like
to be sure
namely
chiefly
truly
indeed
certainly
surely
markedly

such as
especially
explicitly
specifically
expressly
surprisingly
frequently
significantly
particularly

in fact
in general
in particular
in detail
for example
for instance
to demonstrate
to emphasize
to repeat
to clarify
to explain

to enumerate

EFFECT / CONSEQUENCE / RESULT

Some of these transition words (*thus, then, accordingly, consequently, therefore, henceforth*) are time words that are used to show that *after* a particular time there was a *consequence* or an *effect*.

Note that for and because are placed before the cause/reason. The other devices are placed before the consequences or effects.

as a result for consequently under these circumstances thus therefore in that case because the thereupon for this reason forthwith then in effect hence accordingly henceforth

CONCLUSION / SUMMARY / RESTATEMENT

These transition words and phrases **conclude**, **summarize** and / or **restate** ideas, or indicate a final **general statement**. Also some words (like **therefore**) from the **Effect / Consequence** category can be used to summarize.

as can be seen after all by and large generally speaking in fact to sum up in the final analysis on the whole in summary all things considered in conclusion in any event as shown above in short in either case in the long run in brief all in all given these points in essence as has been noted to summarize Obviously Ultimately in a word on balance altogether Definitely for the most part overall ordinarily

usually

TIME / CHRONOLOGY / SEQUENCE

These transitional words (like *finally*) have the function of limiting, restricting, and defining *time*. They can be used either alone or as part of *adverbial expressions*.

at the present time	after	henceforth
from time to time	later	whenever
sooner or later	last	eventually
at the same time	until	meanwhile
up to the present time	till	further
to begin with	since	during
in due time	then	in time
as soon as	before	prior to
as long as	hence	forthwith
in the meantime	since	straightaway
in a moment	when	
without delay	once	by the time
in the first place	about	whenever
all of a sudden	next	
at this instant	now	until now
first, second		now that
immediately	formerly	instantly
quickly	suddenly	presently
finally	shortly	occasionally

SPACE / LOCATION / PLACE

These transition words are often used as part of *adverbial expressions* and have the function to restrict, limit or qualify *space*. Quite a few of these are also found in the *Time* category and can be used to describe spatial order or spatial reference.

in the middle further here to the left/right beyond there in front of nearby next on this side where wherever in the distance from around here or there between over in the foreground before near in the background above alongside in the center of below amid down among adjacent to beneath up beside opposite to under behind across

List of Transition Words

Transition Words are also sometimes called (or put in the category of) Connecting Words. Please feel free to **download** them via this link to the category page:

» Linking Words & Connecting Words as a PDF.

It contains all the transition words listed on this site. The image to the left gives you an impression of what it looks like.

Usage of Transition Words in Essays

Transition words and phrases are vital devices for **essays**, papers or other literary compositions. They improve the connections and transitions between sentences and paragraphs. They thus give the text a logical organization and structure (see also: a **» List of Synonyms**).

All English **transition words** and **phrases** (sometimes also called 'conjunctive adverbs') do the same work as **coordinating conjunctions**: they connect two words, phrases or clauses together and thus the text is easier to read, and the coherence is improved.

Usage: transition words are used with a special rule for **punctuation**: a semicolon or a period is used after the first 'sentence', and a comma is almost always used to set off the transition word from the second 'sentence

Example 1:

People use 43 muscles when they frown; however, they use only 28 muscles when they smile.

Example 2:

However, transition words can also be placed at the beginning of a new paragraph or sentence - not only to indicate a step forward in the reasoning, but also to relate the new material to the preceding thoughts.

Use a semicolon to connect sentences, only if the group of words on either side of the semicolon is a complete sentence each (both must have a subject and a verb and could thus stand alone as a complete thought).

Are you using WORD for writing professional texts and essays? There are many easy **windows Shortcuts** available which work (almost) system-wide (e.g. in every program you use).

Many transition words in the time category (consequently; first, second, third; further; hence; henceforth; since; then, when; and whenever) have other uses.

Except for the numbers (*first*, *second*, *third*) and *further* they add a meaning of *time* in expressing conditions, qualifications, or reasons. The numbers are also used to add information or list examples. *Further* is also used to indicate added space as well as added time.

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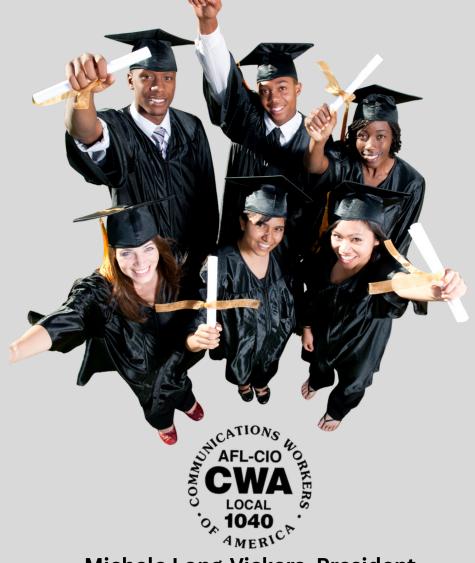
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