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Your Application Audit

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Dev, thanks for trusting us with your application. Before the scores: the rule you made for your Saturday sessions - nobody watches, you hold the hex key - is the single best line in this file. It tells a reader who you are faster than any achievement list could. Everything below is small, specific polish on a file that is already working.

Representative sample. This is exactly what an Application Audit ($179) client receives: your personal statement scored on the 6 questions, every supplemental run through the 3 filters, and the whole file checked on 5 coherence questions. What is missing here on purpose: the fixes. That is what the Application Package ($349) is for.

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Strong - a clear spine. The remaining points are in polish, not architecture.

A strong file with a clear spine - the fix-it kid who teaches others. The essays make the activities list real, adding the specificity and color no 150-character description can hold. Nothing here needs rethinking; the points left on the table are concentrated in three places, and each one is fixable.

Your personal statement - 23/30

	WHAT IT MEANS	SCORE
Does it sound like you?	Does the essay sound like a real 17-year-old?	**4** / 5
Natural and funny throughout. One stiff patch where "the job changed" does a lot of lifting for you.		
Did you show, or just tell?	Is every claim based on concrete scenes and details?	**4** / 5
Cheerios, the BIG BRACKET, the hex key - all real. "Machines have moods" is the one claim you tell instead of show.		

Does it hold together?	Does one clear idea carry the whole essay?	**4** / 5
Fixing machines to teaching fixing is a clean spine. The "project problems" paragraph sits slightly beside it.		
Did you actually do something?	Does it show initiative and impact, or just showing up?	**4** / 5
Saturday sessions, six kids trained - real impact. The scale is one club, which reads as honest, not padded.		
Could anyone else have written this?	Will the reader remember it two days later?	**4** / 5
The hex-key rule is memorable. The makerspace setting is familiar, but your angle on it is fresh.		
Did you earn the ending?	Does the reflection grow out of the story?	**3** / 5
"The whole point of building anything" is a moral the story did not quite earn. The ending tells where the essay should show.		

Your supplementals, through the 3 filters

Why Olin - 11/15

	WHAT IT MEANS	SCORE
Prompt fit	Does it answer the actual question asked?	**4** / 5
Answers "why Olin" - but one paragraph answers "why any engineering school."		
Specific fit	Could this essay be about any other school?	**3** / 5
The curriculum-redesign detail is Olin-only. The facilities paragraph fails the name-swap test.		
Complement, don't repeat	Does it add something the rest of the file doesn't?	**4** / 5
Adds the school-fit angle. Doesn't retell the personal statement.		

Community - 14/15

	WHAT IT MEANS	SCORE
Prompt fit	Does it answer the actual question asked?	**5** / 5
Answers the community prompt directly, with a clear role.		
Specific fit	Could this essay be about any other school?	**5** / 5
The pit scene couldn't be anyone else's.		

Complement, don't repeat	Does it add something the rest of the file doesn't?	**4** / 5
Adds the service-under-pressure facet. Same workshop setting as the rest.		

Intellectual curiosity - 13/15

	WHAT IT MEANS	SCORE
Prompt fit	Does it answer the actual question asked?	**5** / 5
Answers what fascinates you and why.		
Specific fit	Could this essay be about any other school?	**4** / 5
The failure-forensics frame is distinctive. One jargon term needs a gloss for non-technical readers.		
Complement, don't repeat	Does it add something the rest of the file doesn't?	**4** / 5
Adds the thinker facet. Orbits the same core beat as the other two essays.		

The pattern: all three supplementals clear the bar on prompt fit and complementarity. The consistent drag is specific fit - one generic paragraph, one preachy closing, one unexplained term. Small, fixable, all in the same family.

Your file as a whole - 21/25

	WHAT IT MEANS	SCORE
Does it all sound like you?	One voice across every piece?	**4** / 5
One voice throughout. The Why Olin brochure paragraph is the stiff outlier.		
Does every piece earn its place?	No two pieces doing the same job?	**4** / 5
Same theme in three different lights. No anecdote told twice.		
Do we see more than one side of you?	Range beyond a single note?	**4** / 5
Builder, leader, thinker - but all inside the workshop.		
Do the essays and activities agree?	Does every claim have backing in the list?	**4** / 5
Every claim has backing. One activities entry undersells the founder role.		

What's the one-sentence impression?	What does a reader walk away remembering?	**5** / 5

"The fix-it kid with the shelf of labeled failures" - specific, memorable.

Where you stand

Your file is strong. Nothing here needs rethinking - no essay needs a new topic, no structural rebuild is required. The points left on the table are concentrated in three places: one generic paragraph, two closings that moralize instead of landing, and one activities entry that hides a founder role.

What happens next

Our honest take: this file does not need rethinking. The findings above name exactly what would move it - four targeted changes, no new material required.

If you would rather we handle the work, that is exactly what the **Application Package ($349)** is for - the full edit across every piece, built directly on this audit, where we do the fixing together.

Book the Application Package

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You got this, Dev! We are cheering for you and want to help you get this done!
- ClearThread Studios team