Fees and services: a one-time fee of $850.00 or $1100.00: for all of the services below + unlimited essay review.

Fee is paid at the close of the initial meeting

My services include

- Initial one to two-hour consultation.
- Professional-looking résumé development.
- Any additional meetings if necessary.
- Review, evaluate and editing of six college application essays. There is a $45/essay fee for any essays beyond the basic six essays.
- CollegeNewsLetters...timely newsletters chock full of important information about college admissions considerations, career information, financial aid issues and scholarship notices.
- Quick response to all e-mail questions or inquiries.
- 50 years of active college advising experience.

Please note: My comprehensive fee **does not** include filling out or completing a student’s actual college application, either the paper version or the online Common Application or other university online applications. This is the student’s responsibility.

As a comparison, I recently ran across a notice about a college adviser in New Hampshire who is offering basically the same services yours truly is offering, but his comprehensive fee is $4,200. And if you don't want his "comprehensive service," you can buy into his separate and individual "module services" which include the following:

- College Search = $1,000
- Essay review = $100 per essay
- One-time 2-hour advising session = $600
This gentleman has been in the business for 24 years. As far as I can ascertain, his operation does not include "college newsletters."

According to the Association of Independent College Consultants, consultants nationwide charge an average of $150 per hour, or a flat fee of $4,000. New England consultants are the most expensive in the country, charging an average of $200 per hour, or a flat fee of $4,500. And many of the so-called consultants have 10 or fewer years' experience. As one of my new clients said to me the other day, “Mr. McDonnell, you know you’re giving your expertise away, don’t you?” Yes, I know.

**Why engage the services of a private college consultant?**