

How to Prepare a Handwriting Sample

1. Use only a **Ball-Point Pen**. Do not use a felt tip pen or a pencil.
2. Use an **8 1/2" x 11" blank sheet of paper**. Place a few sheets underneath.
3. Write about **any topic** you wish. If you cannot think of a topic, answer to the question, "What is your ideal life?"
4. Make sure to include the **personal pronoun "I"**. (ex: "I would like to...")
5. Do not copy from a book, magazine or even your own writing. **Write naturally and spontaneously**. Neatness is not necessarily a positive or negative sign.
6. Do not write after or while using alcohol, drugs, or heavy medications.
7. If you customarily print, please include **at least a paragraph of cursive writing** (even though you have not done so in years).
8. Include your **signature** at the end.
9. Provide the following **information** in print on the back of the paper:
 - a) Date
 - b) Full Name
 - c) Gender
 - d) Age (or approximate age group)
 - e) R or L (Right or Left handed)