**Yale University Essay Ravi**

*What is it about Yale that has led you to apply? (125 words)*

As I indulge on my *Pad Thai* while sitting on a table just outside Yale’s Benjamin Franklin College, I realized a sense of peace. I didn’t know how every crowded lunch break would seem so cozy and exciting all at once, but that’s what I felt when spending my summer there in 2019. What intrigued me about Yale is the close-knit community that is embodied throughout the campus. Whether I may be a student, professor, or staff, I could always find a place at Yale where I could connect and talk about our *aspirations,* or anything really! You see, studying at Yale goes beyond the normal *day-to-day* classes and lectures, because being a *Yalie* means that you are part of a unique culture- one that embraces unity and brilliance. That’s why I applied to Yale.

Hey! So great news, it’s a short essay so you could be as straightforward as you like. That being said, they asked specifically what (singular object) made you apply to Yale. Right now, it sounds like you’re trying to fit in a bunch of things, and I don’t fully connect your lunch time thoughts to the Yale culture of unity. Focus on one specific thing, e.g. “Community” and draw from your experience. Nearly any passerby can eat Pad Thai at the same place you did, but what is it that YOU find memorable and special about Yale. I’d like you to take some time and reconsider how you’re going to answer this prompt.