

The Student's Guide to College Applications

Got it

Still need it



High School Transcript

Have you ordered your official transcripts yet? These are the documents that show the classes you've taken, grades you've earned, and your cumulative GPA from the high schools/colleges you've attended.



List of Academic Honors & Achievements

Starting with the most significant, list the academic achievements you've obtained, such as national awards, honor rolls, and any other recognitions from academic competitions.



Personal Statement/Essay

Typically ranging from 250-600 words, your personal essay is your chance to stand out from the crowd. Get creative and share the details about all the things that make you great!



Summary of Extracurricular Activities

Summarize the activities you've participated in, such as student clubs, team sports, and volunteer work.



Standardized Test Scores

Whether it's your SAT or ACT scores, most colleges still take both into consideration. If you haven't taken either of them yet, plan to do so by the fall or spring of your high school junior year.



Letters of Recommendation

Typically coming from teachers, guidance counselors, or mentors, a letter of recommendation is a written testament to your personal and academic qualities.

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