

GATHER YOUR MATERIALS

What you'll need for every application.

1. A COPY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

You'll be asked to enter your high school grades and courses in the Education Section.

2. A LIST OF YOUR ACTIVITIES, WORK, AND FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Activities section will give you the opportunity to tell schools more about who you are and the activities you're involved in outside of the classroom, including things like family and job or work responsibilities. You will have the option to list up to 10 activities in this section.

3. TEST SCORES AND DATES FROM YOUR COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

The Testing section is where you'll enter your self-reported scores for any standardized tests that you've taken and wish to report to colleges. You'll be able to report on SATs, ACTs, SAT Subject Tests, among others, and you'll be asked to provide a month, day, and year for each.

4. PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Many colleges collect this information in the Family section for demographic purposes. Find out about your parents' education history and occupational information.

5. ACADEMIC HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

You'll be able to list any honors related to your academic achievements beginning with the ninth grade or international equivalent in the Education Section.

PRO TIP: Get a head start and save yourself time by collecting this information before you fill out the application.

Every college will have its own specific requirements, but the general information you provide on the Common App will be shared across all schools on your list.