

What Will I Need to Apply?



Once you have selected several schools that interest you, you may complete the application online or ask the admissions office for application forms and make sure that you:

- Complete the application out carefully.
- Look for application instructions in the school's catalog or online and follow them exactly.
- Make or save copies of everything you submit.
- Wait two to six weeks for a response to each application.
- After six weeks, feel free to contact the admissions office to check on the status of your application.

When you apply for admission to a college, you will need to pull gather a lot of information:

High School Transcript: Most colleges will require a copy of your high school transcript. You can request this be sent to the college(s) you are interested in through your school counselor.

Application Fee: You might have to pay an application fee (anywhere from \$20-\$75). If you cannot afford it, talk to an admissions counselor at the college to which you are applying. You may be able to get the fee waived.

College Admissions Tests: Most four-year colleges or universities require you to submit ACT or SAT scores. However, due to the pandemic in 2020, many college and universities have waived the requirement test scores. Check with the college or university you are interested on the status of test scores.

Letters of Recommendation: Four-year colleges or universities often require letters of recommendation. These recommendations are about what you have accomplished, what kind of potential you have, and why the person writing the letter believes you should be admitted to that college. Recommendation can come from your teachers, coaches, mentors, church leaders, employers and people you have worked with in your community. Recommendation cannot come from relatives.

Application Essay: If you plan on attending a four-year college or universities, you may have to write an application essay. This essay is a way to let a college know the real you. If the essay topic is not provided, you can [choose your own topic](#). If you need help, talk with a school counselor, teacher or parent. Check out the [tips for writing essays](#).

Interview: If the school is very selective with its admissions process, you may have to schedule an interview. The best interview tip is to relax and be yourself. Check out [tips for interviewing](#).

Make sure you keep track of your college applications using a [college fit worksheet](#).