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Apply to College

Helpful Tips

- Be well informed
- Limited the amount of applications submitted: 5-7 schools recommended
- Use free waivers if applicable
- Ask questions

Parts of an Application

- Application form
- Official Transcript
- Recommendations
- Essay
- Test Scores
- Resume
- Application Fee

Apply Online

- Creating accounts
- Usernames & passwords
- Social media etiquette
- Backing up all materials
- Scheduling appointments
- Checking accounts often

Resume

- Brainstorm everything you have done in the last four years
- Make sure to include work experience, volunteer work, school clubs, church groups, sports, music, helping your family, etc. Colleges want to know how you spend your free time.
- Make sure to include all information on leadership positions you have held, even if they are informal. Colleges want to see initiative and responsibility.

Apply to Many Schools at Once...

- Most schools use the Common App: www.commonapp.org
- For PA state schools: www.passhe.edu
- For HBCUs: www.eduinonline.com

Recommendations

- Most schools require recommendations with the application.
- Current and past teachers, guidance counselors, or other adults you are not related to but have worked closely with are good choices for recommenders.
- Don't try to convince anyone to write you a recommendation – if they don't jump at the opportunity, you will probably get a better recommendation from someone else.
- When you ask someone for a recommendation, give him or her a copy of your resume.

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