



THINGS YOU NEED FOR YOUR U.S. COLLEGE APPLICATION

1 PERSONAL INFORMATION

Your name, email address, phone number, the high school you attended, etc.

2 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY WORK

Describe what you've done outside of class and how much time you spent doing it. Part-time jobs, internships, volunteer work, and other obligations or opportunities are also smart to add.

3 ESSAY/PERSONAL STATEMENT

Each college has different essay requirements. Make sure you research each school's process. Use your essay as a way to tell your story!

4 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS - YEARS 9-12

You will need to provide an official transcript with your grades and classes. Be sure to provide an explanation of the Australian grading system.

5 RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Think about who you want to ask for a recommendation letter. How can they support your application? Colleges often require two - but be sure to check.

6 SAT/ACT RESULTS

List your scores on your application and also submit the official SAT/ACT report. You can register to send scores to four locations for free - otherwise there's a fee.

7 CERTIFICATION OF FINANCES/FINANCIAL AID

Colleges want to see proof of your ability to pay tuition. In addition, if you know you will need financial assistance, be sure to investigate scholarship and other financial aid options.

8 APPLICATION FEE

You must pay for your application to officially submit it. Fees range from \$20 - \$90.

TIP

RESEARCH

To narrow down your university search, look for college programs that interest you. What majors or career paths excite you? Remember that you should work with your school and advisor on your application.

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DEADLINES

Identify the deadlines for your application, including dates for early action and early decision. Some programs have their own unique application and deadlines. Make sure you know the correct dates for each school you apply to!

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APPLICATIONS TAKE TIME

Plan to give each individual application the time it deserves to set yourself up for a successful result. The more organised and committed you are, the easier you'll find it to complete the application and provide commonly required supporting documentation.