#3-WRITTEN COMPONENTS TAKE THIS ONE STEP AT A TIME. ESSAYS & WRITTEN RESPONSES ARE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECES. START EARLY SO YOUR VOICE IS REFLECTED



You will only need letters if you are on the cusp, or an institution specifically indicates so. Letters help explain any abnormalities or circumstances and are another way to demonstrate the personality of the candidate. Letters ill only be written if there is a 2-week notice. Remember to than the people writing on your behalf.

Résumés

Résumés help organize your activities, contributions, interests, and achievements. They help you not leave anything out that can't be demonstrated in another part of an application.

Essays

This is the most critical piece of an application. If an institution has asked you to write an essay, give them one. They will read it. This is your chance to shine and show them all the wonderful and interesting things about you. Colleges want people who give back to their campus culture. They are looking for many types. The same is said for your written responses on any application. They want to hear your voice.

You are more than a test score, a transcript or a g.p.a. It's up to you to show it! APPLY ONLINE IF POSSIBLE. APPLYING IS EASY. IT IS FILLING OUT YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND SO ON. IT IS THE WRITTEN PORTIONS THAT ARE THE HEART OF YOUR ESSAY.

Use your résumé to ensure you are including all facets on your applications. Upload on Naviance and submit your essay, if required. If it says "optional," do it!

ONCE YOU HAVE APPLIED TO A SCHOOL, SCHOLARSHIP, OR PROGRAM, COME TO THE POST GRAD CENTER AND FILL OUT A BLUE "TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM." WE WILL SEND OUT YOUR TEST SCORES, LETTERS, AND ANY OTHER SCHOOL-BASED MATERIAL FOR WHICH WE ARE RESPONSIBLE.

If you need a recommendation, give a typed copy of your résumé to your teacher/counselor. Make sure you are allowing 2 weeks before any deadline. Your teacher/counselor will upload your letter to Naviance, and it will be submitted after you have completed your blue transcript form.

FINDING SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING IS AN ONGOING PROCESS. MOST SCHOLARSHIPS WANT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT YOU. Use your résumé and essay to help you respond to the specific answers a scholarship is asking from you.