

Launch Into Your Future

College Essays and Recommendations

Student Learning Deck

Three ideas to use now

- **Know this**

- The student must remain the author of every essay and personal statement.
- Each response should answer the actual prompt with specific, truthful evidence.
- Recommendation requirements, submission methods, and deadlines vary by institution and program.

What to know. What to verify.

Start here

- Strong essays add the student's own perspective, while effective recommendations add relevant evidence from an adult who knows the student's work and growth.
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Verify before acting

- Do not fabricate experiences.
- Do not outsource student authorship.

Build your action plan

● Next moves

- Read the prompt and identify what the response should add beyond the transcript.
- Choose truthful experiences and details that support one clear focus.
- Draft in the student's own voice, then revise for clarity and structure.
- Ask for feedback without handing authorship to another person or an automated tool.

Use it now

Exit ticket

Write the next action you will take about College Essays and Recommendations. Name the official person or office that can verify your information, and choose a follow-up date.

