

COMMON APP ACTIVITIES LIST TEMPLATE

While it's still early days in 2022, it's never too early to start conceptualizing what various components of your Common Application will look like. One of the most important parts of your college application is the activities list. The activities list is very particular, with set character limits for each heading. In order to prepare in advance for filling this out, we've prepared a template so that you can start putting in all your activities. Right now, you can start by adding more than 10, and including all that you do. However, when the time comes, you will have to choose your 10 most significant activities.

[Student]'s Common App Activity List

Activity List Components Per Activity

Activity Type – Choose One Per Activity

Academic

Junior R.O.T.C.

Art

LGBT

Athletics: Club

Music: Instrumental

Athletics: JV/Varsity

Music: Vocal

Career-Oriented

Religious

Community Service (Volunteer)

Research

Computer/Technology

Robotics

Cultural

School Spirit

Dance

Science/Math

Debate/Speech

Social Justice

Environmental

Student Govt./Politics

Family Responsibilities

Theater/Drama

Foreign Exchange

Work (paid)

Journalism/Publication

Other Club/Activity

Position Name (50 Characters)

- Be descriptive – rather than “Student” or “Participant” you can be more specific as to what you did in your activity. If you had more than one position in a particular activity, you should put the most recent first (ex. President (12), Treasurer (10-11))
 - Be concise but detailed. You can include some more “factual” information here so you don’t waste characters in the Description section
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Organization Name (100 Characters)

- Be concise but detailed. You can include some more “factual” information here so you don’t waste characters in the Description section
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Description (150 characters)

- Use this section to describe your role, accomplishments, and honors. Give concrete examples of your impact (e.g. grew membership from 5 to 30 members; raised \$2000 for local home shelter)
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Participation Grades

- Grade (check all that apply): 9, 10, 11, 12, PG (post-grad – for gap-year or transfer students only)
- Timing of Participation (check all that apply):
 - During the school year
 - During school break
 - All year
- Hours/Week
 - Make sure your hours do not add up to more than 25 hours/week in any given week
- Weeks/Year
- I intend to participate in a similar activity in college: Yes or No
 - Typically we recommend you say “Yes” for most activities

Activity 1

Activity type:

Position and Organization:

Description:

Participation Grades:

Timing of Participation:

Hours/Week:

Weeks/Year:

I intend to participate in a similar activity in college:

Activity 2

Activity type:

Position and Organization:

Description:

Participation Grades:

Timing of Participation:

Hours/Week:

Weeks/Year:

I intend to participate in a similar activity in college:

Activity 3

Activity type:

Position and Organization:

Description:

Participation Grades:

Timing of Participation:

Hours/Week:

Weeks/Year:

I intend to participate in a similar activity in college:

Activity 4

Activity type:

Position and Organization:

Description:

Participation Grades:

Timing of Participation:

Hours/Week:

Weeks/Year:

I intend to participate in a similar activity in college:

Activity 5

Activity type:

Position and Organization:

Description:

Participation Grades:

Timing of Participation:

Hours/Week:

Weeks/Year:

I intend to participate in a similar activity in college:

Activity 6

Activity type:

Position and Organization:

Description:

Participation Grades:

Timing of Participation:

Hours/Week:

Weeks/Year:

I intend to participate in a similar activity in college:

Activity 7

Activity type:

Position and Organization:

Description:

Participation Grades:

Timing of Participation:

Hours/Week:

Weeks/Year:

I intend to participate in a similar activity in college:

Activity 8

Activity type:

Position and Organization:

Description:

Participation Grades:

Timing of Participation:

Hours/Week:

Weeks/Year:

I intend to participate in a similar activity in college:

Activity 9

Activity type:

Position and Organization:

Description:

Participation Grades:

Timing of Participation:

Hours/Week:

Weeks/Year:

I intend to participate in a similar activity in college:

Activity 10

Activity type:

Position and Organization:

Description:

Participation Grades:

Timing of Participation:

Hours/Week:

Weeks/Year:

I intend to participate in a similar activity in college:

**If you have more than 10 activities, copy and paste the template above to list ALL activities.
You will eventually choose the best 10 to put on your application**