



Personal Profile

Requirements and importance in admissions decision will vary by college

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| Participation in Activities Inside or Outside of School 9 th – 12 th Grade Clubs, Band, Orchestra, Choir, Dance, Theatre, Art, Sports, Work, Religious, Scouts, etc. | 4 years of the same activity | 3 years of the same activity | 2 years of the same activity | 1 year | No active participation in activities |
| | Colleges are looking for students who are deeply involved in a few activities. Long-term participation demonstrates commitment and often leads to achievements and leadership opportunities. Focus on depth, not breadth. Do what you love. | | | | |
| Volunteer Hours 9 th – 12 th Grade | 100+ hours with connection to interests | 70-99 | 40-69 | 15-39 | 0-14 |
| Leadership Projected involvement 9 th – 12 th Grade | President of Class, Honor Society, or Student Council; or Editor | President- any organization | Officer or Captain- any organization or sport | Chairman of Event, Committee Leader, etc. | Member |
| Application Essays | Exceptional | Impressive | Above Average | Average | Below Average |
| Recommendation Letters | Exceptional and Detailed | Impressive and Thorough | Above Average and Positive | Average | Below Average or Negative |
| Interview | Exceptional | Impressive | Above Average | Average | Below Average |
| Demonstrated Interest, Online Profile, Portfolio, Other Misc. Factors | Exceptional | Impressive | Above Average | Average | Below Average |

The weight of each factor in the admissions decision will vary by college. Having a profile in one acceptance rate category does not guarantee admission to those colleges.

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| College's Acceptance Rate | <15% | <30% | <50% | <70% | >70% |
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