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Completing a college application can be a daunting task. It takes organization, creativity, and diligence. Sometimes it is difficult to know just how to answer a question, or how best to craft an essay. This newsletter includes 5 valuable tips to make the most of your application.

Application Tips

1. Determine ahead of time how you want to present yourself. How do you want to tell your story? Think about words that describe you. Then, choose a few key descriptive words and build your application around them to create a unified sense of who you are.
2. If you have a resume, try to use the information from your resume in the application itself. This way, you demonstrate that you can work within the guidelines presented. If you absolutely need to add information, or are using the Common Application, you may submit a well-organized, easy-to-read, resume sheet.
3. If you are submitting evidence (i.e. a CD) of a specific talent or accomplishment, submit two copies. One should be sent to the Admissions Office and one to the department that houses the program in which you are interested.
4. Refer to your family members and their situations only as they impact you. Do not focus on their accomplishments. Remember that the admissions committee wants to hear your story.
5. Ideally, create the situation where your talents, abilities, interests and personality are valued and desired by the college admissions committee. Help them to understand how you can enhance their campus.

The goal for any applicant is to convince the admissions committee to make an offer of admission.

SAT & ACT test dates

ACT: October 25, 2008
December 13, 2008
February 7, 2009
April 4, 2009
June 13, 2009

SAT: November 1, 2008
December 6, 2008
January 24, 2009
March 14, 2009
May 2, 2009
June 6, 2009



Some points to remember when registering for either the ACT or SAT:

- The online sites for registrations are: www.act.org & www.collegeboard.com
- Spell your name the same way each time you register. Different spellings create different test records.
- Memorize your social security number—you will need it each time you register.
- Always confirm you are submitting the right high school code. There are two codes—one that is considered the “high school code” and one that is the “testing site code.”

Check it out ✓

www.kathrynmarcch.com/resources recommends the following websites for test preparation:

- www.4tests.com www.number2.com
- www.ets.org www.powerprep.com

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