

# 5 APPLYING FOR COLLEGE: PARTS OF A COLLEGE APPLICATION

All colleges have an **application**. Typically, you can submit a vocational, technical, 2-year or 4-year college/university application online and sometimes in person, or by mail.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY TO MOST COLLEGES?

Your **official transcripts** from **high school** and college if you have earned college credit

Your **test scores** from the **SAT or ACT**

## WHAT ADDITIONAL STEPS MIGHT I NEED TO COMPLETE A 4-YEAR COLLEGE APPLICATION?

**Personal Statement** – a way for the college to get to know you and why you are interested in the school

**Short Answer Responses** – additional questions that may focus on specific concepts, such as diversity, culture and examples of persistence/overcoming adversities.

**Activity Log/Resumé** – a list of **extracurricular activities** that can include clubs, sports, jobs and anything you do outside of school.

**Letter of Recommendation** – a letter from a teacher, counselor, coach, etc. that can speak to your qualities, characteristics and capabilities.

## GOOD TO KNOW:

Some programs like **apprenticeships**, vocational and technical certifications have a unique application process. Check out **lni.wa.gov** for more information on apprenticeships or visit **sbctc.edu** for vocational and technical training programs.

## ANYTHING ELSE?

You may need to pay a fee in order to submit a college application.

However, **you may eligible to receive a fee waiver:**

- If you are a College Bound Scholarship student
- If you receive free and reduced price lunch
- If you participate in programs like TRiO, Upward Bound, or GEAR UP
- If you are a youth in foster care
- If you took the SAT or ACT with a fee waiver
- Contact your high school counselor, college admissions office, National Association for College Admission Counseling, or The College Board to inquire about fee waivers.

**MAR:** GRADE 11  
**OCT:** GRADE 12



## DON'T FORGET:

You could be competing against MANY other applicants. Make sure your answers are a clear and true representation of who you are and how you have prepared yourself!

