

GRAND RAPIDS



SENIOR PACKET

Student Background Information

Full Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate the highest education level completed by Parent/Guardian:

- Unknown Elementary/Middle School (K-8) High School/GED
 2-Year College 4-Year College Graduate School

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Permanent Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

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 2-Year College 4-Year College Graduate School

High School Information

Name of Current High School: _____

School Phone Number: _____

School Address: _____

Year Entered High School: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Please list any other high schools you have attended

High School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Dates of Attendance: _____ School Phone Number: _____

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Student Academic Information

List any College Courses you have taken. Please indicate whether they are CITS, PSEO or through ICC/HCC:

Course	Institution of Credit	Number of Credits

List any College Courses you are currently taking. Please indicate whether they are CITS, PSEO or through ICC/HCC:

Course	Institution of Credit	Number of Credits

List any colleges you have attended for which you receive college credit:

College Name: _____ Dates of Attendance: _____

Address: _____

Standardized Test Scores

ACT Date : _____ Composite: _____

English: _____ Math: _____ Reading: _____ Science _____

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SAT Date: _____ Math: _____ Verbal: _____

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List the post secondary institutions you plan on applying to and your probable major for each:

College	Major	College	Major

List three occupations you are considering in order of preference. Briefly explain what it is about the occupation that interests you and why you might be successful in such a field.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

List three staff members who know you well:

- 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Student's Name:

What do you hope to achieve by going to college or entering a specific program?

Describe why you think you qualify, or would be a good fit, for this/these institution(s)?

Of what are you most proud? Please explain.

What are your special interests or talents? Please explain.

What event or activity (positive or negative) has had the most significant impact on you in your life and shaped you as a person, why?

Discuss one leadership role you have experienced in your life.

What are your goals for the future?

If 45,000 students, who have similar attributes as you, apply to the same college in which you are applying, why should you be selected?

List at least three personal strengths:

Extra-curricular and personal activities.

School-related activities (clubs, teams, service organizations, youth council, etc.) List most recent first:

Activity	Description	Grade/Year
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List and describe any activities in which you have taken a leadership role:

Activity	Description	Grade/Year
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List and describe any non school-related activities in which you have participated:

Activity	Description	Grade/Year
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List and describe any community service you have done, (It is valuable to know what it is and why it is important to you.)

Activity	Description	Grade/Year
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List and describe any work experience you have had:

Activity	Description	Grade/Year
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List any awards and honors you have received and the years in which you received them:

Award/Honor	Description	Grade/Year
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please indicate anything further that you would like us or an admission committee to know about you below:

Deadlines:

Applications

School/Program Date

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Housing Applications

School/Program Date

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Scholarships

School/Program Date

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

2018-2019 Common Application Essay Prompts

The Common Application has announced that the 2018-2019 personal essay writing prompts will be the same as the seven 2017-2018 essay prompts. By conducting a review process every other year, rather than annually, we can hear from admissions officers, as well as applicants, parents, and counselors, about the effectiveness of the essay prompts.

With the announcement of the essay prompts and the ability for applicants to roll over their Common App account each year, counselors can introduce their juniors to the Common App now to help them start thinking about the application process. For more information, go to Common App Ready, a series of ready-to-use resources, presentations, training videos, and handouts covering everything from account creation through submission. Last year, we expanded this free tool with Spanish language translations.

2018-2019 Common Application Essay Prompts

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

The most popular essay prompt of the 2017-2018 application year (through January 5, 2018) is "Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth..." (23.6%), followed by the topic of your choice option (22.5%), and "Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful..." (21.4%).

"Through the Common App essay prompts, we want to give all applicants - regardless of background or access to counseling - the opportunity to share their voice with colleges. Every applicant has a unique story. The essay helps bring that story to life," said Meredith Lombardi, Associate Director, Outreach and Education, for The Common Application.