

Real Fast College Applications

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A Guide to Understanding the College Application Process

Understanding the Process

- Colleges need information about the school and student
- Admission and scholarships chances improve when you "Clip College Coupons"
 1. Rigorous academic education
 2. Genuine activities and volunteer work
 3. Professional and accurate transcript
 4. Thorough course descriptions
 5. Meaningful college visits
 6. Timely completion of application forms
 7. Great letters of recommendation
 8. Self-reflective, technically perfect application essays

Read more:

- [How to Get a Great Letter of Recommendation](#)
- [Complete the FAFSA for Fun and Profit](#)
- [How to Create an Extraordinary Activity List for Perfectly Ordinary Teens](#)
- [3 Ingredients of a Great Course Description](#)
- [One Common Application - One Uncommonly Challenging Struggle](#)

Finding a College

National College Fairs: www.nacacnet.org or www.naccap.org

Read more:

- [Three Steps to Finding a College](#)
- [Reach, Fit, and Safety Simplified](#)
- Free ebook: [Finding a College You Love](#)

Writing the Essays

- Self-reflective and personal "Who are you?"
- Technically perfect "How well can you write?"
- Essay topics are unique "Why should we admit you?"
- Never repeat anything between essays or from the application

Read more:

- [Tips for Tackling College Application Essays](#)
- [College Admission Essay Tip: Make Grandma Gasp, Not Blush!](#)
- [College Application Essays are Selfies in Words](#)

Preparing the Homeschool Records

- Transcript is the minimum requirement
- Comprehensive records increase chance of college admission and scholarships
- Course descriptions, cover letter, table of contents
- Reading list
- Activity and award lists
- Work samples
- Other: school profile, counselor letter of recommendation

Rigorous Academic Education Planning Guide	
English	4 years
Math	3-4 years
Social Studies	3-4 years
Science	3 -4 years
Foreign language	2-4 years
P.E.	2 years
Fine arts	1 year or more
Electives	As needed
Total credits: 20-24 or more	

Read more

- [How to Love your Transcript](#)
- [How to Create an Extraordinary Activity List for Perfectly Ordinary Teens](#)
- [3 Ingredients of a Great Course Description](#)
- [Writing a Homeschool Profile Letter](#)
- [Homeschool Record Keeping: Tubbies, Cubbies, and Binder Queens](#)

Planning the Transition

Read More

- [Each College Is Unique](#)
- [College Applications: The Parent's Role](#)
- [The End of Homeschooling: When Did My Baby Grow Up?](#)
- [They Grow Up and Leave Home](#)
- [Teenagers: Choosing Your Battles](#)
- [The Perfect Launch Formula for Raising Happy Adults](#)

Resources

For Transcripts and Course Descriptions: www.ComprehensiveRecordSolution.com

Book: [The HomeScholar Guide to College Admission and Scholarships](#)

Book: [Setting the Records Straight: How to Craft Homeschool Transcripts and Course Descriptions](#)