

Getting Recommendations

Two letters of recommendation are usually required for your application. Request recommendations from people who know your strengths. Teachers and counselors are usually the best choices. An employer or community leader can be another option if he or she knows you well and can emphasize your good qualities and achievements.

Ask for recommendations early so there is enough time to get them in comfortably before the deadline. It's considerate on your part. It's also smart—waiting until the last minute may not allow the recommender enough time to do you justice and will cause you both unnecessary stress.

Here are some other tips for requesting recommendations:

- Give your recommender a deadline, allowing at least two weeks to complete the letter.
- Provide the recommender with a stamped envelope addressed to the school.
- Provide a list of your activities and awards to facilitate the writing process.
- Send thank you notes to your recommenders.
- Let recommenders know your application results.

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