Activities FAQs

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How do I fill out the Activities Chart?
First you have to select a general activity label (e.g., Music: Vocal) from a drop-down list, and then describe it in more detail using your own words on a lower line (e.g., Frequent soloist with SBCC Concert Choir, and Jazz Band). After indicating grade levels and your hours-per-week and weeks-per-year time commitment, you can add information on positions held, honors won, (e.t.c.). There is a character limit on this explanatory information for each activity, but you can experiment to see how much you can put in there, and make efficient use of the space by using abbreviations.

How many extracurricular activities can I list?
Do not go beyond 5 or 6 extracurricular activities. More than that is excessive.

In what order should I report my activities?
Report your activities in order of importance to you.

Should I submit a resume?
If you feel too limited by the space constraints of the chart, you can consider submitting a resume. You’ll see on the printed application form that this is not unusual. You can send your resume by mail separately, or upload it on the Additional Information question on the Writing page.

If I submit a resume, do I still have to complete the activities form?
Yes. Even if you are submitting a resume, you should still complete activities form.

I’m in the “Activities” section and I can’t find the category under which my activity falls.
If you can’t find your category, you should select “other”.

What do I put in the “Details and Accomplishments” section?
This sessions holds 100 characters and should include more about the club (more than the general category they selected from the drop down menu (i.e. if you have selected Government/Politics in drop down menu, then you should put Model UN in description field). You should also use this field and the “Position Held” field to describe activity. This will give you a total of 200 characters to make your involvement in an activity clear.