

# What's On a College Application?

College applications vary from college to college, although many schools require at least some similar information from their applicants. Here are the main components on a sample of college applications used during 2013-2014:

## GRCC

- Personal Information
- Permanent Address
- Mailing Address
- Academic Information

## Grand Valley

- Biographical Information
- Enrollment Information
- High School Information
- College Information
- Extracurricular Activities
  - List of activities, positions held, honors earned, varsity letters awarded
  - Description of educational achievements in the face of any challenging circumstances
  - Unique perspectives you will bring to GVSU
  - Work experience
  - Other academic and community awards received

## Calvin College (or you can use the Common Application)

- Personal Information
- Your Plans At Calvin
- Your Education
- Disciplinary History
- Family Information
- College Plans and Activities
- Your Activities, Honors, Leadership Roles and Diversity Experience
- Personal Statement (how you will contribute to Calvin)

## The Common Application

- Personal Information
  - Address
  - Contact Details
  - Demographics
  - Geography
  - Language
  - Citizenship
  - Fee Waiver
- Family / Household
- Education
  - High School
  - Education Interruption
  - College & Universities
  - Grades
  - Current Year Courses
  - Honors
  - Future Plans
- Testing
- Activities
- Writing
  - Personal Essay (250-650 words, firm)
  - Some colleges require writing supplements or additional questions
- Disciplinary History
- School Report (completed by your guidance counselor)
- Recommendations (teacher, other)