

All College Applications Require	
Personal Information	Basic identifying and contact information, including legal name, birth date, address, email, citizenship and Social Security Number (if you have one).
Official Transcripts	A record of your high school courses and grades sent directly to the college by Dulles HS.
Demonstrated Interest	All colleges need to know about your interest in their campus. Connect with them through emails, college fairs, rep visits, contacting admissions, and school visits.

Four year college may also require or recommend	
Additional Personal Information	More applicant information, including family, demographics (optional), educational, self-reported test scores, and activity lists.
SAT or ACT	Standardized tests widely used by American college admissions to assess applicant readiness in reading, math and/or writing.
SAT Subject Test	One-hour, high school level exams designed to evaluate achievement in your choice of five subject areas: English, History, Math, Science or Foreign Languages.
Application fee or fee waiver	An application fee is an added cost associated with submitting an application for consideration. Most public colleges will require an application fee before submission. Some private colleges do not require an application fee. If you are on free and reduced lunch, you may qualify for an application fee waiver.
Counselor Letter of Recommendation	Your counselor's broader description of you and the role you played in the school community. It can explain your transcript and special circumstances, highlight your school participation, and elaborate on your personal characteristics.
Personal Essay	An opportunity for you to convey who you are beyond your grades or test scores. It demonstrates that you can write clearly, express yourself effectively, and allows you to describe your aspirations, values or passions. Colleges that require this essay expect about 500 words (equivalent of about one page, single-spaced).
Supplemental Essay (s)	Answers to college-specific prompt(s) which can allow you to provide more information about yourself, such as why you chose to apply to a college or department.

Interview	A conversation with a college admissions officer or alumni. It gives the college a chance to get to know you better, and gives you an opportunity to ask informed questions about the school.
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General Requirements for Colleges		
2 Year Colleges	REQUIRE: Personal Information Official Transcript or GED	SAMPLE COLLEGES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCC, Wharton County, and other Community Colleges • Vocational, Trade or Technical Training Programs
Most 4 Year Colleges	REQUIRE: Personal Information Additional Personal Information Official Transcripts Application Fee SOME MAY ALSO REQUIRE: SAT or ACT SAT or ACT Writing Section Counselor Recommendation Letter 1 or 2 Teacher Recommendation Letters Personal Essay Supplemental Essay(s) Some recommend, depending on major: SAT Subject Test(s)	SAMPLE COLLEGES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas A&M • UT at Austin • U of H • Sam Houston State • Texas Tech • Texas State • Baylor • Prairie View A&M • Texas Southern • Lamar • Houston Baptist • UT Dallas • LSU • Ok State • CU Boulder • Alabama • Mississippi State
Most Private & a few Public 4 year Colleges	REQUIRE: Personal Information Additional Personal Information Official Transcripts SAT or ACT SAT or ACT Writing Section Counselor Recommendation Letter 2 Teacher Recommendation Letters Personal Essay Supplemental Essay(s)	SAMPLE COLLEGES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Ivy League Colleges • Stanford University • Massachusetts Institute of Technology • Duke University • University of Michigan • UC Berkeley and UCLA (Final Transcript only) • Northwestern University • NYU and USC

	<p>Some recommend* or require: At least 2 SAT Subject Tests</p> <p>Some allow optional*: Interview</p> <p><i>* For colleges in this category, it is advisable that students treat Recommended or Optional items as <u>Required</u>.</i></p>	
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