

Reading and Awards Lists

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Reading and Awards Lists

- Demonstrate passion and commitment to activities
- Predict success in college
- Fill in the gaps
- Accurately describe your child

Reading List

List, not bibliography, so author and title is all you need.
Only books read in high school, normal is 6 to 600 books.
Alphabetize to eliminate duplications.

What to include:

- School books
- Faith books
- Books for fun
- Popular literature
- Specialization reading
- Audio books (indicate "Audio Book")
- Magazine subscriptions
- Great books, living books, stupid books, but not *Calvin and Hobbes*

Reading List Format Example

2019-2020 Reading List for Student Name

1984 by George Orwell

All the People by Joy Hakim

Blue Willow by Doris Gates

Bobby Fischer Teaches Chess by Bobby Fisher

How to Encourage Reading

- High quality books below grade level
- Short classics rather than longer classics
- Active learners read about active main characters
- Similar genre to movies they like
- Read articles to help you encourage reading
- Books about their area of specialization
- Create a cozy corner
- Design a bedroom paradise
- Provide a yummy treat
- Increase fluency with fluff
- Discussion, not confrontation

- Brainstorm tie-in activities
- Real books not “school books”
- Utilize technology for older teens
- Limit technology for younger or distracted kids

Reading Lists with Suggestions

[The HomeScholar College Bound Reading List](#)

[Classic Christmas Literature for High School Students](#)

[7 Ways to Encourage Reading in Middle School](#)

[Printable reading list for Middle School](#)

Activity and Award List

Transcript activity list: very brief, like a class title is brief

Activity and award list: very detailed, similar to a course description

Memory device: list used for college admission, job application and resume creation

Activities during high school only

Volunteer service

- Keep track of hours
- Name of organization
- Kind of activity
- Volunteer hours
- Duration

Activities plus high school credit

- Example: choir, band
- No double dipping
- Each hour can only be used in **one** class on the transcript

Outside classes can be an activity

- Dual enrollment or co-op classes
- Indicate year

Indicate leadership position or awards (Year book editor or Dean’s list)

What do you activities do you list first?

1. Meaningful, four years, with award
2. Four years without award
3. Other meaningful activities
4. Shorter duration, less meaningful

Example of activity list on the transcript

Choir 9,10,11,12 - soloist 11, 12. Chess 9, 10, 11, 12 – State Champion 11, 12. Published Op-Ed 10. Dual Enrollment Community College 12 - Dean’s List.

How to Find and Encourage Activities

Activities should include:

- Extracurricular, before or after school
- Summer activities or year-round activities
- Hobbies or interests
- Employment or volunteering, experiences or internships
- Community involvement or charitable work

How to identify activities

- What your child does for fun
- Family evening activities
- Double-check classes
- Review memorable moments

How to create activities

- Student teaching what they love
- Begin volunteering
- Brainstorm ideas

Maximize the fun factor to include Delight Directed Learning

- Allow free time each day
- Allow free time each week
- Limit excess technology
- Encourage interests

Creating an Activity and Award List

Activity List Example 1

**Activity List for Student Name
Student Address or Identifying Information**

Name of Activity	Years or Duration	Position Held	Description of Activity

Activity List Example 2

<p>2016-2017 Activities and Awards</p> <p>Competitive Chess Tournaments</p> <p> Master’s Academy Chess Tournament: September 21, 2016, First place</p> <p> Thanksgiving Scholastic, First place for Grades 7 - 12</p> <p>Chess Instructor</p> <p> Manhattan Homeschool Center Chess Class, Volunteer Instructor</p> <p> Volunteer Chess Instructor, April 11-12, 2016</p> <p> Chess Tutor: private chess tutor for individual students</p> <p>Soccer</p> <p> West Highline Soccer Club 2002: Second place team in the division.</p> <p>Church Activities</p> <p> Youth Worship Band: Normandy Church youth group, keyboard</p> <p> Active Youth Group Member, Normandy Christian Church</p>
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Activity List Example 3

Student Name: Son Name
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
Grade 9:
Extracurricular Activities
•Choir, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Kailua, HI.
•Participated in Honolulu Youth Symphony's Pacific Music Institute, with ensemble and symphony performances for flute.
Community Service/Leadership
•Altar Guild, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Kailua, HI.
•Flower Guild, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Kailua, HI.
•Habitat for Humanity, Waimanalo, HI.

Activity List Example 4

Create a resume with the following information:

- Header with personal information
- Education
- Experience
- Skills
- Activities
- References available upon request

Activity List Example 5

- Use for college application essays
- Topics for the essays
- Reminder of meaningful activities
- Do not list activities in the essay

Activity and Award Lists Articles

[How to Create an Extraordinary Activity List for Perfectly Ordinary Teens](#)

[The HomeScholar Humungous List of Homeschool High School Activities from A-Z](#)

HomeScholar Resources

Books available in paperback and Kindle

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

[TechnoLogic: How to Set Logical Technology Boundaries and Stop the Zombie Apocalypse](#)