

Question: If you upload a resume to the common app, does that take up space in the 10 lines provided in the activities tab?

*Answer: No, it would be an additional, supporting document instead*

Question: Is it okay to have a non-core subject teacher write one of our letters of recommendation?

*Answer: This will depend school to school, as each college has their own rules about letters of recommendations. At Trinity, we only ask for one so to us what matters is someone who can speak well to who you are in the classroom, no matter what subject they teach. Just keep in mind other colleges and universities may have different preferences.*

Question: Some people say, If someone's application theme is "X", he/she has to talk about it everywhere. Even in the essay or interview if they don't talk about it, that will portray them as "Not passionate" about that "X" field. What is your thought on that?

*Answer: I would say that someone doesn't have to talk about one thing everywhere to have a theme, and themes in applications can be very broad. A student is not going to be penalized for discussing something in an essay and activities list, but then not talking about it in an interview. If anything, it would be better to talk about different things in the interview in order for the application reader to gain more context about the student. So no, someone will not be seen as not passionate about something if they do not talk about it in as many places as possible.*

Question: How far back should I go with my extracurricular activities? I have activities from a few years ago that I could not continue with as there simply wasn't the time with more recent activities! Thanks Alex Penfold

*Answer: You only have 10 spaces on the common app, so generally more recent is better. And then in the additional information session you can explain that you were involved in other activities, but had to stop them for X,Y,Z reason*

Question: How would you suggest applicants distribute different parts of themselves in the application so they seem more 3 dimensional?

*Answer: First of all, remember that each applicant does not have to be perfectly well rounded, it is our job to admit a well-rounded class, but not each student's job to be well rounded. I would also remember what role each part of the application plays in building context. So, the essay is to get to know you on a deeper level, your thought processes, how you grow, and who you are. Focusing on that in the essay rather than, say, activities you are passionate about, will allow us to learn more about you from your application*

Question: What is the purpose of a student resume? What aspect of myself should i seek to present through it?

*The purpose of a resume should be to show us more information on activities you put into the activity list, or to present different activities you did not have the space to add.*

Question: After how many days of graduating high school does it count as a gap year?

*Answer: There is no official amount of time that turns something into a gap year. If you are thinking of not enrolling at Trinity for a semester after the semester you applied for, you would need to submit a Gap Year Request Form which you can learn more about [here](#). If your school year does not run on the same schedule as America and you finish high school in November, and then apply after graduating, you can call that taking a gap year if you feel the term is right, but you would not need to request deferred enrollment.*