

# Approaching the Experiences section



The Experiences section helps colleges better understand your personal and professional background. You can use it to showcase what different activities have been meaningful to you. Experiences can be jobs, research, volunteering, family responsibilities, extracurriculars, and more. Check out these best practices for help completing this section.

## Best practices

1. While there is no limit to the number of experiences you can list, this section is not intended to be like a resume. If you choose, you can upload a more detailed CV/resume in the Documents section.
2. We recommend you focus on meaningful experiences within the last 10 years (high school level or above).
3. We ask you for a few details like the organization name, dates involved, and your title. If a required field doesn't fit with your experience, it's okay to write "Not applicable" as a response. For example, entering an organization name isn't necessary if you are listing a family responsibility.
4. You have the opportunity to provide a short description for each experience. The text box allows for up to 600 characters, but you don't need to use all 600. Instead, try to keep your description clear and succinct. Focus on your impact or how this experience has influenced you as a person.
5. Remember, you are bringing a unique perspective as a transfer student. Show what experiences have made you a unique applicant, and not what you think colleges want to hear.

When you have questions, we are here to help. Visit the [Help Center](#) for support or email us anytime at [thecommonapplication@liaisoncas.com](mailto:thecommonapplication@liaisoncas.com).