

# **UC Application Helpful Hints: Activities & Awards**

*The UC schools want to know about how you spend your time outside of school and any honors that you have received.*

In this section, you want to make sure to give **good descriptions of what you did as a part of the activity**. Don't forget to include any leadership positions. Additionally, you want to **prioritize your 20 most important awards/activities**, so the **most** important thing appears first. It's OK if the sections are imbalanced; just choose the 20 most notable things.

The following are the sections as they appear on the UC application with some suggestions of ideas for each category:

## **Coursework Other Than A-G**

- Leadership: List position held and main functions of what you did in Leadership
- Yearbook: List the position held and describe what you did as a member of the staff
- SVCTE: or any other class that relates to your prospective major or career of interest that is not designated as "college prep"
- Teacher Aide/Peer Tutor: Only include this if you had a special role as a TA like class tutor, helped with labs, etc.

## **Educational Preparation Programs**

- Summer programs at a college or university
- Study abroad program
- SAT/ACT prep course
- A special program that you were a part of that assists you in getting to college like AVID

## **Volunteer and Community Service**

- **Unpaid** tutoring (peers, siblings, community youth, etc)
- Community service or internship hours
- Church volunteer
- Service-based clubs: Key Club, Interact, Recycle, etc.
- Library/hospital/non-profit volunteer work
- Caring for a family member (sibling/cousin/grandparent) on a regular basis

## **Work Experience**

- **Paid** tutoring: list subjects tutored and context
- Babysitting/Petsitting
- Summer or part-time job: describe specific duties and/or position held
- Working at a relative's company

## **Awards and Honors**

- Honor Roll or Semester Awards
- Boy scout Eagle or Girl Scout Gold/Silver Awards
- Advanced Placement Award granted by the CollegeBoard for passing a notable amount of exams
- Extra-curricular awards: Team sports accomplishments, Drama, Debate, Piano, choir, dance

## **Extracurricular Activities**

- Link Crew/ASB/Yearbook/Journalism/Band/Choir/Drama: co-curricular activities that can also be listed in this category
- Sports (at SCHS, Club, or Community): list any team accomplishments, position played, or leadership held
- Clubs: describe what you did specifically and any positions held
- Any lessons you have taken or time spent honing a talent or ability: Are you an avid hiker? Guitarist? Blogger? Small business owner?