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Helpful tips from an alum



START EARLY



The Caminos application asks for transcripts, recommendation letters, and essays. Pushing it to the last minute could hurt the overall quality of your application and could hurt your chances of being selected.

KNOW HOW TO STAND OUT



We want to know who you are outside of the classroom. Use your extracurricular activities to demonstrate your leadership abilities, and be sure you mention other passions and goals. In short, what makes you the person you are today?

WRITE THE PERFECT ESSAY



After demonstrating your commitment to service within the Latinx community, use the essay to explain why you are the perfect candidate for Caminos. Be sure to let your personality shine through, and tell us what makes you unique!

PICK THE RIGHT RECOMMENDER



Make sure your recommender knows you well and can speak to your academic strengths and leadership qualities. Remember to give them plenty of time - notify them at least a month in advance!

PROOFREAD FOR MISTAKES



Punctuation and spelling errors may seem like small issues, but they can make a huge difference! Your essay is a representation of you, and those small mistakes could detract from the overall quality and presentation.

GET A FRESH PAIR OF EYES



After completing the application, have a teacher or a friend look over it and answer some questions like: Does the essay clearly answer the prompt? Is it obvious why you are a good candidate?

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