

Summer Opportunities

WORK SHEET

Summer is a wonderful time to kick back and have some fun. After a busy school year, it's appropriate to take some time to relax and recharge. Students, however, should be aware that many college admissions officers may ask, "What did you do over the summer?" on college applications. Use this worksheet to help you plan an activity or two during your summer vacation that allows you to show intellectual curiosity. Summer activities are beneficial for:

- Exploring and validating future career aspirations
- Building depth to your college profile
- Investigating your interests
- Learning new life skills

Brainstorm:

What areas would you like to explore this summer? You can choose activities that help you identify or validate your career aspirations or you can choose to learn something completely new. It can be as simple as learning to play frisbee golf or investigating the intricacies of neuroscience.

What skills are you hoping to gain over the summer? Consider leadership, technology, art, or life skills, such as cooking or managing your bank account.

Plan your activity.

Do you need to formally apply for this activity? Do you need special supplies? Make a list of application deadlines, supplies, or people you may need help from for this activity.

Reflect on your experience.

Recording details from your experience will come in handy on a college application or résumé. Be sure to gather photos, videos, or other documentation to potentially use in the Coalition Application Locker or in a digital portfolio such as SlideShare. Be creative and have some fun with this project!