

MBA Application Guide

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GETTING STARTED

The following serves as a preview of what materials you need to prepare to apply to Harvard Business School. Read the [application requirements](#) on our website for more detailed information and review the [characteristics that we look for](#) in applicants.

INTRODUCE YOURSELF	YOUR EXPERIENCE	YOUR ACADEMICS
Start Application Tell us if you have applied previously, are applying to a joint degree program, or have participated in other HBS experiences.	Resume This can be your standard business resume or CV. You do not need to have it in any special format.	Transcripts Upload transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate academic institutions that you have attended; you may upload “unofficial” copies of your transcripts. A bachelor’s degree or equivalent is required to apply.
Personal Information Addresses Contact Information Citizenship	Employment <i>Tell us about your three most recent jobs:</i> Role and Responsibilities Key Accomplishments Most Significant Challenge	GMAT or GRE You must take the test before you submit your application. HBS has no preference on which test you take.
Family Information Parent and/or guardian occupation and education	Activities, Awards & Recognition List up to three distinctions, honors, and awards in order of importance to you.	English Language Tests A TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo English Test is required if you did not attend an undergraduate institution where the sole language of instruction was English.
Fee Waiver Learn if you are eligible for a fee waiver, or submit a request for a need-based application fee waiver .		
REFLECT	SHARE TWO OUTSIDE VOICES	
Essay Submit three short essays. This is your opportunity to share meaningful or formative experiences that are important to you that you haven’t gotten a chance to fully explore elsewhere in your application.	Recommendations <i>Your recommenders will be prompted to answer the following two questions:</i> “How do the candidate’s performance, potential background, or personal qualities compare with those of other well-qualified individuals in similar roles?” “Describe the most important piece of constructive feedback you have given the applicant. Please detail the circumstances and the applicant’s response.”	
Post-MBA Intentions Industry and Function Career Aspirations		

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