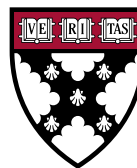


MBA Application Guide

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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 or are applying to a joint degree program.	<u>Resume</u> ↗ This can be your standard business resume or CV. Keep the format simple and minimize jargon and acronyms.		Transcripts You must have the equivalent of a US bachelor’s degree in order to apply. Upload transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate academic institutions where you earned a degree; you may upload “unofficial” copies of your transcripts.
	<u>Employment</u> ↗ Tell us about your three most recent jobs including each role’s responsibilities, key accomplishments, and most significant challenge.		
	Personal Information Share your contact information, addresses, and basic information on your parents and/or guardians.	<u>Activities, Awards & Recognition</u> ↗ List up to three awards and up to three activities that are meaningful and important to you.	
Fee Waiver Learn if you are eligible and/or submit a request for a need-based application fee waiver.			<u>English Language Test</u> ↗ 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.
REFLECT		SHARE TWO OUTSIDE VOICES	
<u>Essays</u> ↗ 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.		<u>Recommendations</u> ↗ <i>Your recommenders will respond to the following two prompts:</i> “Please provide specific examples of how the applicant’s performance, potential, background, or personal qualities compare to 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.”	
<u>Post-MBA Goals</u> ↗ Help us understand your post-MBA career aspirations.			

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