



PHI BETA KAPPA Society

# WHAT MAKES A GREAT LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION?

## CHOOSE YOUR RECOMMENDER WISELY



Select a recommender who can speak to your arts and sciences mindset and any unique features you would bring to this program - for this award, we need a campus-based academic reference (professor, advisor, etc.)

## ASK EARLY: TIMING IS IMPORTANT

Ask your recommender if they're willing to write your letter early in the application process and share the deadline up front. If they agree, then provide them with additional information on the program, your interest in it, and any resources that will help them write a great letter on your behalf.



## PROVIDE CONTEXT: WHY YOU, WHY NOW, WHY THIS?

A great letter goes beyond your coursework, extracurriculars, and resume: it tells who you are as a student and community member. Help your recommender by providing specific examples of how you're a good fit for the program and how their recommendation will boost your application.



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