

## Letters of Recommendation — \$1 (ha, kidding)

One of my favorite things to do at school is to help students make the leap to the next part of their life, to get themselves into college. It is an ask, it takes work and effort on my part, but you're worth it.

It is polite to ask me, in person, I will say yes.

Your next step is to help me by writing out the details of your life. I need to “become your uncle” on paper, to become aware of the details of your life that set you apart from all others, that make you shine your brightest, and that I need you to tell me about since I only know you from one class, for one year.

This is what I want, and then I will likely ask for more, at least some clarification. I need to know it all, you have to brag until it's weird, but it's not bragging if I'm asking.

1. I need your email and cell number so that I can text you questions that need answers.
2. I need a deadline so I don't miss it.
3. I would like to know what colleges you are applying to, and why (if there is a reason).
4. What do you think your major will be and why are you choosing it?
5. What do you want to be when you grow up (if you know) and why that, and not say, a chem teacher?
6. What was your favorite class at Vestal (it does not have to be chem, really).
7. What academic honors do you have (NHS, Honor Roll, GPA if you want it included), etc.
8. What teams have you been on and what did you do? Not just a team, what position, were you captain, were you the best back up, benchwarmer but best team cheer leader, etc.?
9. What clubs are you in or were you in? Why them? What did you do with the club specifically?
10. Where did you work, if you worked? How long, and what is a good/bad thing that you dealt with?
11. Volunteering? Don't just say Varsity club, I don't know what they do, be specific (Sort of like this: I helped at the special Olympics with the adult women in the relay races level of specific).
12. Do you do anything else special? Do you speak other languages, have you visited interesting places, do you want to go somewhere or are you planning to do that soon?
13. SKIP THIS ONE
14. More, as much as you can. Tell me what makes you the best (you are, but I need to be able to explain it).
15. I will fix them.
16. You need to invite me via common app (or give me the envelope with an address and stamp) using my school email [cbaruiso@vestalcsd.org](mailto:cbaruiso@vestalcsd.org)
17. You must promise to come tell me EVERY TIME you are accepted so we can celebrate, so we can do the dance from the end of the movie Evan Almighty. I recommend it if you have not seen it yet.