



## LEAP COLLEGE LIFESAVERS



### **LEAP Description for the “Additional Information” Section of the Common Application**

Leadership, Education and Athletics in Partnership, Inc.’s (LEAP) mission is to develop the strengths and talents of young leaders who create and implement year-round, community- and school-based programming for children and teenagers in New Haven, Connecticut. LEAP’s year-long programs are designed to achieve positive academic and social outcomes for youth ages 7-15 living in predominantly Black and Latino communities that are harmed by systemic barriers to necessary academic, economic and social supports. LEAP develops multiple tiers of academic and social enrichment for young people between the ages of 7 and 24, preparing them to be community leaders with power and purpose.

As a youth leadership organization, LEAP trains local high school and college students who work respectively as Junior and Senior Counselors for the Children’s Program (ages 7-12) and Leaders in Training Program (ages 13-15). LEAP counselors are young people who are dedicated to reducing and eliminating the barriers to achievement and support that our youth face. LEAP supervises and supports counselors as they teach our comprehensive literacy curriculum, create spaces for socio-emotional exploration, and assist in enrichment activities taught by local practitioners in swimming, visual art, dance, natural science and more. LEAP counselors also participate in youth development programming in college access, professional skills, career exploration, and social justice. They are integral parts of LEAP’s model, both as leaders and as participants.

The Additional Information section allows a **maximum of 650 words**. The statement above has **223 words** but can be reduced as much as you need if you would like to include other information in this section.

The Additional Information section is *optional*, so you do not need to write anything in that section if you do not want to add anything else.

If you feel there is more you would like to share with the admissions teams (like this info about LEAP above), [here is a helpful resource on the Additional Information section](#) that offers advice on how to best use that section to your advantage.