

As many of our clients can attest to, a great recommender is a blessing! As you were working diligently on applications, your recommenders were putting in their own time writing and customizing recommendations to give you a shot at your dream school!

Based on feedback from applicants from prior years, we have compiled a list of ideas for recommender gifts. Of course, a personalized thank you note will magnify the impact of any gift.

Gift boxes, subscription

- Fruit of the month ([Harry & David](#))
- Healthy snacks ([Naturebox](#))

Gift boxes, one-time

- Fruit Basket ([The Fruit Company](#), & [Harry & David](#) also do one time gift baskets)
- High end chocolates, including [Mariebelle](#), [Mr. Chocolate](#), & [Thomas Haas Chocolates](#)
- There are also sites that send a wide variety of gift baskets such as:
 - [igourmet.com](#)
 - [gifttree.com](#)
 - [deandeluca.com](#)
 - [cybercucina.com](#)

Favorite craft beer / wine / alcohol

Gift cards

- [Amazon](#)
- iTunes
- Higher-end luxury store they may not buy for themselves ([Williams Sonoma](#), & [Pottery Barn](#))
- Local Spa OR [Spa Finder](#)
- Favorite golf course

Restaurants

- A gift certificate for a place you know they like OR
- A gift certificate for a type of food you know they like

School paraphernalia / hobbies / teams

- Experiential gift certificate (e.g. cooking lessons at the Culinary Institute)
- Tickets to one of their favorite teams
- Especially good if you have an alma matter in common, e.g. hats, T-shirts from their favorite school ([Prep Sportswear](#))
- Gifts that support an interest (e.g. lululemon pants for a yoga enthusiast)

Miscellaneous / other

- Office pens ([Chopard](#))
- A plant for their office / home