

50+ Ways to Find Your Spark

At College Expert, we encourage our students to find ways to stand out. To find your spark, you can try out new activities in and out of school, engage in creative pursuits, make new friends, maybe take some risks, and actively seek out experiences that ignite your sense of excitement and purpose. There are many ideas out there, but here are 50 to get you started:

1. Get involved in your high school theater productions
2. Write a novel, blog, screenplay, poetry or short story
3. Participate in a science competition such as ISF or Science Olympiad
4. Invent something and get it patented
5. Create your own designer clothing label
6. Go on a wilderness backpacking and canoeing trip
7. Volunteer for a political campaign
8. Join the cheer team
9. Write an editorial and publish it in a major daily newspaper
10. Learn a new instrument
11. Take a dance class
12. Make a movie and enter it in a film festival
13. Become a climate change activist
14. Train therapy dogs
15. Try out a new sport
16. Learn to code
17. Try rock climbing
18. Become a writer or editor for your high school newspaper, yearbook, or literary arts magazine
19. Become a gourmet cook and write a cookbook for teens
20. Become a great artist or photographer and organize a gallery exhibit
21. Get involved in student government
22. Get your pilot's license and fly a plane

23. Conduct volunteer work that matters to you.
24. Try out (or establish) a new club at school
25. Get involved with a circus
26. Start a YouTube channel
27. Make a robot
28. Start a business or non-profit organization
29. Learn a new language and experience a new culture
30. Earn [a student certification from Microsoft](#)
31. Start a community or rain garden
32. Participate in a Civil War reenactment
33. Research and apply to some summer programs
34. Teach or lead children in summer camps or after-school programs
35. Start a book club
36. Compose music and perform it for a live audience
37. Go on a dig for dinosaurs
38. Play in a rock band (or start your own band)
39. Start a weekly TV broadcast about your high school
40. Create your own video game or app
41. Become a yoga instructor
42. Start a committee or children's choir at your place of worship
43. Take free online classes in your areas of interest through MIT, EdX or Coursera
44. Get a certification in Permaculture Design
45. Investigate beekeeping
46. Investigate the possibility of keeping chickens in your backyard
47. Make a quilt for a veteran
48. Knit hats, mittens, or scarves for people in need
49. Join a bowling league, kickball team, or pickleball club
50. Take community education classes
51. Volunteer to help with chores at a local farm
52. Get involved with Special Olympics
53. Become a [citizen scientist](#)