Information for students filling out applications that require a GPA

When there is a required field on your application:

We suggest that you contact someone in the employment office or admissions office of the institution(s) for which you are applying; either someone you are in contact with already or whose job it is to review applications. Explain that your undergraduate degree was completed or is in progress at an institution that evaluates student work with narrative evaluations instead of grades, so no GPA is calculated. Ask them how to proceed with the application and follow their instructions. In some cases you may be asked to enter a "0"; some forms have an N/A option in the GPA box.

Students sometimes estimate a GPA based on Five College grades and/or the quality of their narrative evaluations. If you estimate a GPA, you should include a statement in your application, either in a text box or as an attachment, explaining why you have estimated your GPA. You might want to excerpt language for your statement from the "Transcript Explanation and Key" letter that accompanies Hampshire transcripts and is designed to help someone reviewing an application.

Please keep in mind that no GPA can be included on any official documentation produced by the college and we are unable to confirm an estimated GPA.