

10 Essential Tips for Getting into College

1 Get good grades.

Good grades in challenging classes are ideal, but know yourself and don't overdo it. Ultimately, your GPA is the most important component of your college application.



2 Find your passion.

Do summer activities, courses or leadership classes related to things you like. There are many non-profit organizations that help you understand how to become a team player, develop management or leadership rolls and offer opportunities for you to experience real world skills while giving back to your community. Consider participating in a summer scholar college program.

3 Build a realistic college list.

Choose colleges based on these factors: location, size, difficulty of gaining admission, applying early decision, early action or regular admission, and whether the college is generous with merit financial aid.



4 Know when to study for PSAT, SAT and ACT and which one to take.

Taking the PSAT as a junior is the only time you can qualify for National Merit Scholarships. Decide which exam, SAT or ACT, is better suited for you and study for that exam. Both exams are accepted by universities throughout the United States with a few exceptions.

5 Know how to make your college application stand out.

Colleges look for uniqueness – make yourself stand out by exemplary volunteer or community service, starting a charity or club that impacts your community, attending a summer college program in your area of interest, and writing a “killer” main college essay.

6 Know the right questions to ask when visiting colleges and how to follow up.

Come prepared to ask questions when touring a college and ask the same questions each time you visit a university. Record your answers so you can compare the colleges after your return home.

7 Know how to write a compelling college application essay.

Writing a “killer” essay takes skill. Start with a “hook” to gain the reader’s attention. Most essays should follow the expository writing format.

8 Ask for letters of recommendation early.

Preferably ask for your letters of recommendation at the end of junior year from two junior year teachers. Otherwise ask the first week of senior year. Follow up with an email to the teacher which should include personal contact information.

9 Keep you online presence clean.

Do NOT have anything controversial on any of your online platforms. Remove posts that you would not want your parents or grandparents to see. Set your privacy settings.



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10 Understand how to build a resume for college and beyond.

Throughout high school engage in extra-curricular activities, school related clubs, community and varsity sports, volunteer and community service projects and social justice issues of importance to you for a well-rounded resume.

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