

College Application Questions

Everyone has incredible stress when it comes to the application process for College. Sometimes the stress can be overwhelming as the decision to attend a certain school has major repercussions for the future. Often times, parents and friends will throw around such intense words, including "repercussions for the future" and "the hardest decision of your life." However, it is important to remember that their words are not the ones that matter, in fact it is your own in which are most valuable. After all the application process is all about you and what you want to do, so be sure to stay true to yourself.

For starters college applications are set up to be intimidating. There are an abundance of white spaces which you have to fill up revealing to admission boards of just how great you are. Even simple questions such as "Why do you want to attend our school...?", "What would you bring to our school?", "What do you intend to study here?" can be daunting. The most effective way to complete applications, however, is to break them down. Start by filling out as much as you can then take a break when stress and uncertainty sets in. There is no need to have added pressure on your shoulders, as most likely, it is your senior year and you still have work for high school to do.

When it comes to answering those simplistic questions do not fret, as there is a strategy to answering them in a way that appeals the most to admissions. Here is where it is viable to remember that colleges receive and review thousands of applications, you must stand out! Your answers should be unique and reveal something that separates you from other students. Make sure that you establish all of your great qualities within your answers. If you are having trouble finding the words to describe how great of a student you are then ask your parents or friends to describe your better qualities. It may sound a little corny and it may be a silly question to ask, "Tell me how good I am..." but the more people you ask the more ideas you will have. Also, having different people answer will also add to a larger vocabulary in which describe you, which can be quite beneficial as application and phrasing can become really repetitive.

If it helps you, you can imagine that filling out an application is like an interview for a job. At an interview it is always important to remember what the audience wants to hear. It may be reminiscent of a brown noser, but here is where you want to tell the school that you are exactly what they want, that you are a completely unique, independent individual who is determined to work to the fullest ability, while growing through the educational guidance of the college's professors and simultaneous organizations. If you can reveal to admissions throughout the application that you are the best candidate for the school without bluntly stating it, then you have done your job and conveyed deep enthusiasm towards the possibility of attending their school.

The questions on applications are sometimes too scary to answer and sometimes they cause you to get extremely frustrated. But don't freak out! If you get frustrated, or your words are not sounding the way you want, take a break and come back to it later when your mind is clear. Most importantly, stay positive and don't be dramatic! If you have worked hard in the past, then everything will work out for you!