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College Edition

When applying to college, all documents have to be sent at the same time.



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Colleges will start creating a file for a student as soon as they receive any document.

A good thing to send **right now** are SAT/ACT scores, since they usually take 2-6 weeks to process.

If I have more letters of recommendation, it'll show how great I am!



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Follow a college's instructions – if they only want 1-2 letters, only send that many.

If a college says they'll accept up to 10 letters, don't send 10. It'll look like you're trying to overcompensate for something.

Colleges don't look at 2nd semester grades after I've been accepted.



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Colleges absolutely look at ALL senior year grades – AND – they will receive a final transcript after you've graduated.

NNHS students who didn't take 2nd semester seriously have had their admission rescinded...in *August!*

I need to decide on my career before I go to college!



No way – 30% of students change their major at least once within their first 3 years of college.

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From: *InsideHigherEd.com* (2017)

A circular logo featuring a stylized orange and white husky head in profile, facing right.

Private colleges are too expensive.

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While private schools have a higher sticker price, they also have more private donors, helping to fund future student's education.

Don't ignore private college options!

I need to be involved in a lot of activities to show colleges that I'm 'well rounded'



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Showing commitment to one or two activities goes much further, in a college's eyes. Showing longevity & leadership in those activities is even better!

And don't forget to mention a job, if you have one. Part-time jobs show colleges that you are responsible & can multitask!

**I need to go to _____
College, because they
were ranked in...**



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You need to go to a school that is a good
fit for you.

It's not about where you go – it's about
what you do with the opportunities given to
you.

College reps can't tell if someone else wrote my college essay.



Yes they can.

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They're professionals. Their job is to not only read essays, but be able to dissect them in a matter of minutes. If someone else writes your essay, they will know.



Big colleges are better than smaller colleges

Big schools do have some amazing opportunities & resources. But so do smaller schools.

It's important to visit colleges, so you can figure out what *you* need from a college.

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