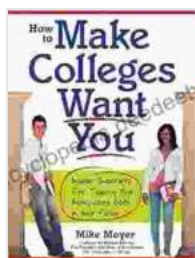


# How to Make Colleges Want You: A Comprehensive Guide to Impressing Admissions Officers

Applying to college can be a daunting process, but it doesn't have to be overwhelming. By following a few simple steps, you can make yourself stand out from the crowd and increase your chances of getting into your dream school.

## 1. Start early

The earlier you start planning for college, the better. This will give you plenty of time to research different schools, take challenging courses, and build your extracurricular resume.



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In ninth grade, you should start thinking about what you want to study in college and what kind of school you want to attend. You should also start taking challenging courses in high school, such as honors and AP classes. These courses will show colleges that you are capable of handling college-level work.

In tenth and eleventh grade, you should start building your extracurricular resume. This means getting involved in activities that you are passionate about, such as sports, clubs, or volunteer work. Colleges want to see that you are a well-rounded student who is involved in your community.

## **2. Get good grades**

Your grades are one of the most important factors in the college admissions process. Colleges want to see that you are a good student who is capable of handling the rigors of college. This means getting good grades in all of your classes, not just your favorite ones.

If you are struggling in a particular class, don't be afraid to ask for help from your teacher or a tutor. You should also make use of your school's resources, such as the library and the writing center.

## **3. Take challenging courses**

Colleges want to see that you are challenged in high school. This means taking a rigorous course load, including honors, AP, and IB courses. These courses will show colleges that you are capable of handling college-level work.

If your school does not offer a lot of challenging courses, you can look for opportunities to take them outside of school. For example, you can take

online courses or enroll in a summer program at a local college.

#### **4. Get involved in extracurricular activities**

Extracurricular activities are a great way to show colleges that you are a well-rounded student who is involved in your community. Colleges want to see that you are passionate about something outside of the classroom.

There are many different types of extracurricular activities that you can get involved in, such as sports, clubs, volunteer work, and music. You should choose activities that you are interested in and that you are good at.

#### **5. Write a strong personal statement**

The personal statement is your chance to tell colleges about who you are and why you want to attend their school. This is your opportunity to make yourself stand out from the crowd and show colleges why you are a unique and valuable candidate.

Your personal statement should be well-written and error-free. It should also be personal and reflective. You should use this opportunity to tell colleges about your goals, your dreams, and your experiences.

#### **6. Get good letters of recommendation**

Letters of recommendation are a great way to show colleges what other people think of you. These letters should come from people who know you well, such as teachers, counselors, and coaches.

In your letters of recommendation, you should ask your writers to highlight your strengths and accomplishments. You should also ask them to write

about your character and your work ethic.

## 7. Apply early

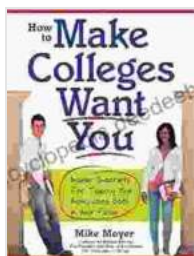
Applying early can give you a significant advantage in the college admissions process. When you apply early, you are more likely to get admitted to your first-choice school. This is because colleges have a limited number of spots available, and they want to fill those spots with the best candidates.

There are two types of early application deadlines: early action and early decision. Early action deadlines are typically in November or December, and early decision deadlines are typically in November or December. If you apply early action, you will find out if you have been admitted by January or February. If you apply early decision, you will find out if you have been admitted by December or January.

## 8. Don't be afraid to ask for help

Applying to college can be a daunting process, but it doesn't have to be overwhelming. If you are struggling with any part of the process, don't be afraid to ask for help from your parents, teachers, counselors, or a college admissions counselor.

There are many resources



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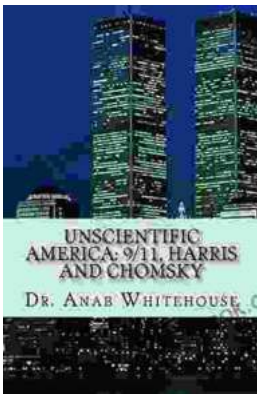
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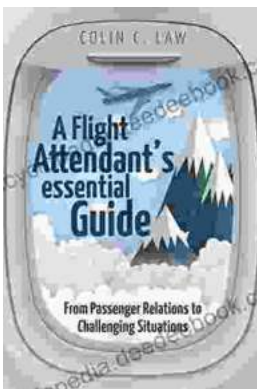
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