



# Apply to colleges

Read these for a laugh, but you've been warned:

Do NOT actually try these ways to get a college admission rep's attention with your college application.

**• Slip a \$100 bill into your application file.**

• Rent a billboard on a major interstate and instruct drivers to beep in support of your admission to your first choice college.

• Produce an infomercial on a major television network that discusses the major selling points of your admissions application. Send a copy to the school's president.

**• Pay your application fee in pennies.**

- Show up for your interview in an obnoxious Halloween costume.
- Super size your application—make it 3 feet by 6 feet.
- E-mail admissions 50 times a day to check on your application.

**• Apply at least 10 times to the same university—just in case they lose the first nine applications.**

• Hypnotize admissions officers using subliminal messages. Example: "I must accept Juan Ortiz... I must accept Juan Ortiz..." Repeat.

• Get selected for a reality TV show, then do everything humanly possible to make sure you win. Donate half of your winnings to the admissions rep charged with reviewing your application.

**• Get a website with a URL like PrincetonNeedsMe.com (which looks like it's still up for grabs). Include baby photos, comments from elementary school teachers and recommendations from Mom and Dad.**

• Create a futuristic video scrapbook that includes images of you hanging out all over the campus—going to class, having lunch in the dining hall, making the dean's list, etc. At the end, include scenes of you as an alumnus donating \$1 million to the school.

• Have the CIA notify the admissions office that they must accept you because of your new identity under the Witness Protection Program.

• Camp outside the admissions office from September through early November. Have a hot breakfast and gourmet lunch delivered each day to the admissions counselor's office.

• Write a 1,000-page essay instead of a

500-word personal statement to show your dedication.

**• Get cosmetic surgery so you look like the school's mascot.**

• Date the son or daughter of the dean of admissions until you receive your acceptance letter.

• Protest outside the admissions office and block visitors from entering. Make sure the story gets national media coverage.

• Skywrite a plea for acceptance when the admissions officer walks to his car at the end of the day. 🦋

Excerpted from "How to stand out to an admissions rep" by Steve Young.

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