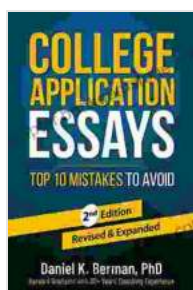


Top 10 Mistakes to Avoid Fat Envelopes: A Comprehensive Guide for Aspiring Students

The college admissions process is a stressful time for both students and parents. With the increasing competitiveness of colleges and universities, it is more important than ever to avoid making mistakes that could hurt your chances of getting into your dream school.



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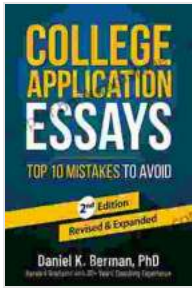
One of the most common mistakes that students make is sending out fat envelopes. A fat envelope is a college application that is overstuffed with materials, such as transcripts, letters of recommendation, and writing samples. While it is important to provide colleges with as much information as possible, sending out a fat envelope can actually backfire.

Here are the top 10 mistakes to avoid when sending out college applications:

1. **Sending out a fat envelope.** As mentioned above, sending out a fat envelope is a common mistake that can actually hurt your chances of getting into college. Too much information can be overwhelming for admissions officers, and they may not take the time to read everything you send them. Instead, focus on sending out a concise and well-organized application that highlights your best qualities.
2. **Not proofreading your application.** It is important to proofread your college application carefully before submitting it. Make sure that there are no errors in grammar, spelling, or punctuation. A sloppy application can make a bad impression on admissions officers.
3. **Not answering the essay prompts completely.** The essay prompts on college applications are designed to give you an opportunity to showcase your writing skills and your unique personality. Take the time to answer the prompts completely and thoughtfully. Do not simply restate the prompt in your essay; instead, use the essay to tell your own story and to demonstrate why you are a good fit for the college.
4. **Not getting letters of recommendation from strong sources.** Letters of recommendation are an important part of the college application process. They give admissions officers a chance to learn about you from people who know you well. Choose your recommenders carefully and make sure that they are people who can write strong and positive letters about you.
5. **Not submitting your application on time.** The deadline for college applications is firm. Do not procrastinate on submitting your application; if you do, you may not have enough time to complete it properly. Submit your application well before the deadline to avoid any last-minute problems.

6. **Not applying to a safety school.** A safety school is a college that you are confident you will be accepted to. It is important to apply to at least one safety school, just in case you do not get into your top choice schools.
7. **Not visiting the colleges you are applying to.** Visiting the colleges you are applying to is a great way to get a feel for the campus and the student body. It is also a good opportunity to meet with admissions officers and learn more about the college's academic programs and extracurricular activities.
8. **Not applying for financial aid.** If you need financial aid to attend college, it is important to apply for it. There are a variety of financial aid programs available, and you may be eligible for one or more of them.
9. **Not asking for help.** If you need help with your college application, do not be afraid to ask for it. There are many resources available to help you, such as guidance counselors, teachers, and parents.
10. **Giving up.** The college admissions process can be stressful, but it is important to not give up. If you do not get into your first choice school, do not be discouraged. There are many other great colleges out there. Keep working hard and you will eventually find the right college for you.

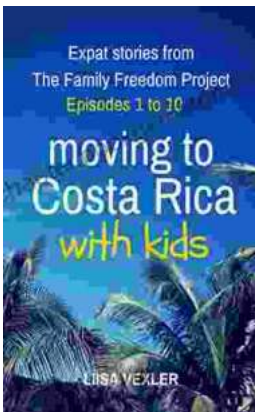
By avoiding these common mistakes, you can increase your chances of getting into your dream school. The college admissions process is not easy, but it is possible to succeed if you are prepared and you put in the hard work.



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