



COMMON MISSTEPS ON COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

1. Student misses the application deadline
2. Student has not completed the courses in the college prep curriculum
3. Student is taking a very weak course schedule in senior year
4. Student takes ACT or SAT in the spring of senior year
5. Student's overall grade point average/ class rank is low
6. Student sends in application but doesn't send high school transcripts
7. Student copies essay from the internet
8. Student's parent fills out the application
9. Student is careless in filling out the application, presenting typos, grammatical errors and sloppy handwriting
10. Student writes essay on why they want to attend "X" university and sends it to "Y" college
11. Student writes essay that is very shallow, doesn't show any thought or preparation
12. Activities list is full of acronyms that are unfamiliar to application readers
13. Student doesn't ask a teacher or advisor to review the application before submitting it
14. Student expects long list of activities to out weigh actual academic work
15. Student lists e-mail address that is in bad taste or vulgar