

Write a kick-ass application



When you're competing with thousands of others, it can be nearly impossible to stand out amongst the crowd. You probably don't even know where to begin. Sure, smart-ass remarks like stating that you have the ability to recite the alphabet from memory may seem like the right way to go; but unfortunately, not everyone has your sense of humor. Fortunately I'm letting you all in on the secret to

writing that absolutely ass-kicking scholarship application that'll make a memorable and considerable applicant.

Your goal is to really sell yourself. Think of like a strip tease – if you're too modest about showing off your, ah... assets, you're not going to get a very generous tip. However if you're confident, direct and, most importantly, proud of what you have to offer, that acceptance letter will be tucked into your undies in no time.

The real cherry on top of a successful application is stating one of your most particular weaknesses and then turning it into a positive. For example: In the past I've been known to leave important assignments until the very last minute, but I am hopeful that the possibility of acceptance at Wherever University will bring about a change in my attitude towards my studying habits.

It's important to keep your application clean and professional, but incorporating that little bit of, well, you can be a real eye catcher. Simple things like frequent (but not overused) use of the word "I", discussing your thoughts and opinions, you're likes and dislikes etc. Try to bring your points back to why they are relevant to you.

If you're allowed to include any extra material that will paint you in a good light, then do it. Things to include

should be any high distinctions you received in high school, certificates of your community and service efforts, even a reference from where you completed your work experience. One of the best extra items you can include is a letter of acceptance from another university – this shows that you are a student in demand and have taken the time to explore other educational opportunities. Don't include more than three extra items, or you'll end up looking like a desperate show-off.

"Start your application with a "Thank You" cover letter for supporting hopeful university bound students in furthering their tertiary education and close with one last ass kiss, thanking them for taking an interest. Finally, proofread all your material

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