

HELPFUL ADMISSION *Tips*

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Be Proud of Who YOU Are!

You are unique. Regardless of your grades or SAT/ACT scores - be YOU and be honest. Look for a college that wants YOU and values you as a future alum!

Don't Take College Admissions Advice from a Friend!

Do not allow yourself to be influenced by where or what your friends are doing. You do the Research on colleges based on what you want and are looking for. Do you want to RIDE for 4 years and be a part of a TEAM? If so, look for that opportunity and do not settle - again, be YOU. Find the "fit" that is best for you.

Visit ALL Types of Schools.

Large, small, public and private. Where do YOU "fit" and feel the most at home and appreciated as a person? After all, that college will be your home for the next four years. Can you bring a horse if that is what you want? If that makes you feel 'at home', then that would be important to ask and know in your college search?

When Looking for An Equestrian Team and Program:

Again, VISIT, VISIT, VISIT! Meet the coaches, some members of the current team and make sure that you meet other students that are not equestrians. Eat lunch on campus, visit with a professor in your interest or major, ASK questions!

Explore the Area.

You will become part of the community, so check it out. Ask yourself if this is where home could be for the next four years. If you like the coast, being located in a school in the mountains might not be the best fit for you.

Stay in Contact With Your Admissions Counselor!

Respond to phone calls and emails—let them know of your interest or your non-interest if that should be the case. It is okay to say "no thanks" early on if you know for a fact that a particular school is not the right choice for you.

File the FAFSA!

Every student should file the FAFSA. Even if you 'think' you probably won't qualify for federal money, you never know when you might need some help and it's easier to do it sooner rather than later - FILE! You might be surprised what you qualify for! ★★



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