



## **The College Interview**

If you are lucky enough to be offered an interview, be sure to take full advantage of this opportunity to differentiate yourself from other applicants. This is your chance to reveal things about yourself that are not possible to fully explain on the application, and expand on those qualities or achievements that you have already mentioned.

You will have a more successful interview if you are confident, relaxed, knowledgeable and poised. Take some time to be prepared.

- Review the college website, including the academic area you are interested in, the clubs and activities that interest you, and the student life section.
- Look over your application; especially the specific college questions and writing supplements- know what you have told them.
- Be specific about why you are interested in the particular college. Show that you have put in time to research and understand what is distinctive about the school.
- Be ready to explain what it is that you will contribute to the campus community. Think in terms of your passions, hobbies, interests and the qualities that make you unique.
- Prepare at least 3 thoughtful questions that you can ask your interviewer about the particular college. Avoid asking questions that are clearly answered on the home page of the website.
- Practice gathering and expressing your thoughts and ideas!

**For individual assistance with interview preparation,  
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