

Introduction

Ahh... the Ivy League. Just its name evokes feelings of wealth, power, and superiority. For those who can achieve it, it is the utmost accomplishment, but for others, it is just another dream.

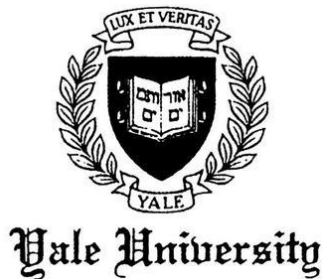
For those who want to attend a top tier university such as those in the Ivy League, this book is for you; we will explain everything. We will detail what it takes to get into the Ivy League and other elite schools and we will help you get admitted.

For the completely uninformed, this book will be an awakening, elucidating everything you need to know about college admissions. For those who have already done some research, this book will provide the unconventional advice and ideas that would never be found in any other college admissions resource.

WHO ARE WE?

We are a bunch of rising college freshmen and sophomores who have been through the college admissions process. We know all the tricks that no one else knows or is willing to share. The information we provide in this book helped us game the system and gain admittance to prestigious universities including Yale, UPenn – Wharton, Cornell, Duke, Michigan, and UVA.

All of the contributors for this book have been admitted to top 10 universities. Not one of us was above the 25th percentile for SAT scores, but we knew how to get the most out of the college application. In this book we will share with you all our knowledge and insight into the college admissions process and all the tricks and loopholes that you can exploit to gain admission to the same prestigious universities that we now attend.



OPENING

Here is the thing about elite universities. Almost everyone that even applies to these schools is smart enough to attend them and is capable of earning very high grades. Admissions counselors and school deans all know this, but there just are not enough spots. Because their demand and the tremendous number of quality applicants, elite schools like Harvard have the luxury of handpicking their classes. Their goal isn't to fill next year's freshmen class with as many perfect SAT scores as possible, it is to create the most interesting, diverse, and powerful class it can. That is why Harvard will admit the Olympic champion or the published author with 1350 SATs over the valedictorian with 1580 SATs. Admitting unique and interesting applicants over traditional "perfect" applicants adds to the campus environment and college experience for the rest of the class in a way that is otherwise not possible. So to get in, aside from being nearly perfectly, you have to be different; you have to add something to the freshmen class that not many other applicants can add. This is where we come in, we know all the tricks in the book that will wow the admissions counselors and get you admitted. No matter your academic situation, this book will help you maximize your potential and get you admitted to that "reach" school that you never thought possible.