

Appealing a Rejection

If you are rejected by the college of your choice, you usually have the option to appeal. Here are some recommendations for those who choose this course of action.

- Contact the admissions office to find out their process for making an appeal.
- If an appeal is approved, it is usually due to new or compelling evidence. This can include reference to improved grades, higher SAT/ACT scores, recent awards, or changing family dynamics.
- Most appeal procedures require letters of recommendation, but the student must write a compelling letter of their own.
- Chances for success of an appeal are much dependent upon how many acceptances the college receives. This is very difficult to predict, so if you feel strongly enough about going to a particular school, it is worth the effort making the appeal.
- Always follow through with "Plan B" while pursuing an appeals process. Never assume the decision will go in your favor.