

# MAKING THE CUT

## Writing a college resume that will get you accepted

**In this era of college prep and ridiculous GPAs, it can be hard** to get noticed by colleges. However, the application process allows for a simple, easy way to stand out from the crowd — the resume. Many students struggle and worry over their resumes, and so should you. Fortunately, *The Featherduster* has provided a basic outline that should get you started. As you build your resume, remember that these are just

the bare essentials to remain competitive. To really stand out, consider improving on these entries. For example, give away your cure for cancer for free to show your commitment to community service. If you do all this, you will probably get into college; anything less, good luck at ACC. Everyone knows only Harvard grads can be successful.

—Jack Stenglein



### sob story

Did you have to walk uphill to and from school in freezing rain while carrying your infant brother on your back? Were you doing your homework at the same time because at home you're too busy toting water from the well five miles away to alleviate your ailing great-grandmother's fever? If not, you should make sure to do this as soon as possible. Also, don't forget to mention how this has shown you your true calling in life: ending world poverty and providing education for all.

### cured cancer

As said multiple times now, academics are extremely important. But these days, test scores aren't a guarantee of acceptance. Colleges want application of the knowledge as well as the scores. Curing cancer is a great way to show you've really learned your chemistry and will probably make you a few extra bucks on the side to pay for tuition. If you're more of a physics person, splitting the atom with your homemade proton collider will probably work as well.

### president of multiple clubs

Leadership is important to colleges, and what better way to exemplify it than leading your fellow students in exploring your true passions? Being the president of large-scale clubs, such as National Honor Society, is preferable, but if this is not an option, consider heading The Underwater Basket Weaving Club, The Mario Kart Club and The Member of More Than Seven Clubs Club. Seven clubs is a good starting point, but make sure not to join more than 15. At that point, it looks like you're trying too hard.



Art by Zoë Jentzen



### top football player

Colleges love to see that students have mastered the physical world as well as the academic world, and how else to show that than by being the star quarterback? To make this entry just a little more powerful, perhaps be the top wide receiver in addition to the quarterback. Throwing the ball to yourself shows independence and a go-get-it attitude.



### international volunteer work

A must-have on any resume, this entry shows not only that you have the money to travel to multiple continents, but also that you still care about those worse off than you. The rich-but-down-to-earth persona is basically a requirement for college, and building schools for underprivileged children is one of the best ways to embody this role. Of course, while on the trip, you were emotionally touched by the children and found your true self.

### perfect test scores

Students across the nation are scoring higher and higher on standardized tests. The best way to combat this and stay ahead is to get a perfect score on your PSAT, your SAT, your PLAN, your SAT subject tests, your ACT and even your Bar, your LSAT and your MCAT. Perfect is gradually becoming the new standard for colleges. If this is something that worries you, consider scoring higher than perfect. A 2600 out of 2400 on the SAT never fails to wow admissions officers.

