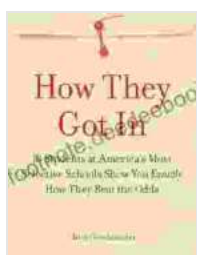


# 18 Students At America's Most Selective Schools Show You Exactly How They Beat the Odds

Getting into college is hard. Getting into a selective college is even harder. But what if you could get the inside scoop from students who have already done it? That's exactly what we've done in this article. We've talked to 18 students from some of the most selective schools in the country, and they've shared their secrets for success.



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### 1. Start early

The most successful students start planning for college early. They start taking challenging classes in middle school and high school, and they start thinking about what they want to study and where they want to go to

college. This gives them a head start on the competition, and it helps them to avoid feeling overwhelmed when it comes time to apply to college.

## **2. Get good grades**

This may seem obvious, but it's worth repeating: good grades are essential for getting into a selective college. Colleges want to see that you're a strong student who is capable of handling the rigorous academic workload that comes with college.

## **3. Take challenging classes**

Don't just take the easy classes to get good grades. Challenge yourself by taking honors, AP, or IB classes. This will show colleges that you're not afraid of a challenge, and it will help you to develop the critical thinking and problem-solving skills that you'll need to succeed in college.

## **4. Get involved in extracurricular activities**

Colleges want to see that you're a well-rounded student. Get involved in extracurricular activities that you're passionate about, and make sure to take on leadership roles. This will show colleges that you're a motivated and responsible student who is capable of handling a lot of different responsibilities.

## **5. Write a strong college essay**

The college essay is your chance to show colleges who you are and why you're a good fit for their school. Take your time writing your essay, and make sure to proofread it carefully before you submit it.

## **6. Get good recommendations**

Get recommendations from teachers, counselors, and other adults who know you well and can speak to your character and academic abilities.

## **7. Apply to a variety of schools**

Don't put all your eggs in one basket. Apply to a variety of schools, including some that are reach schools, some that are target schools, and some that are safety schools. This will increase your chances of getting into a college that's a good fit for you.

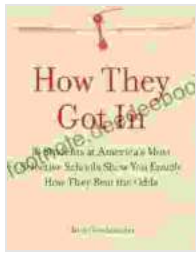
## **8. Don't give up**

The college admissions process can be long and stressful, but don't give up. Stay positive and keep working hard, and you'll eventually achieve your goals.

### **Here are some additional tips from our students:**

- **Be yourself.** Colleges want to see the real you, so don't try to be someone you're not.
- **Don't be afraid to ask for help.** If you're struggling with a class or an extracurricular activity, don't be afraid to ask for help from your teachers, counselors, or friends.
- **Take care of yourself.** Getting into college is important, but it's not the only thing that matters. Make sure to take care of your physical and mental health, and don't forget to have some fun along the way.

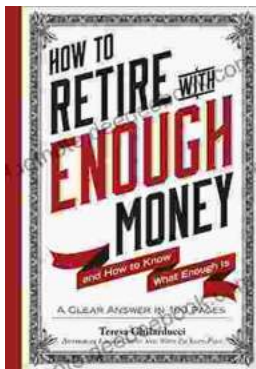
Getting into a selective college is a challenge, but it's definitely possible. By following these tips, you can increase your chances of success.



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