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## Preparing for College Interview

Doing a college interview is a sure way of getting the perfect opportunity to make personal connections with the prospective college fraternity and learn some things that can make attainment of a person's goals easier. Preparing for a college interview entail knowing the do's and don'ts that can make or break the moment during and after the interview. There are many ways of preparing for a meeting with a prospective college and be in a position to pass, such as knowing the purpose of the interview, doing background homework, and practicing before it happens. The preparation process also calls for the interviewee to dress appropriately and also be early to avoid a last-minute rush (Edmunds, Bernstein and Glennie 350).

Learning the purpose of a college interview is a sure way of ensuring that one prepares well and be in a better position to pass. For instance, college interviews serve two purposes: evaluative and informative interviews. Evaluative interviews are contacted by most top tier colleges and Ivy League schools and are an important factor of the admission process. This kind of interview is aimed at analyzing and evaluating the student to ensure that they have the ability to work hard and be successful at such schools. Thus, a student should be able to understand how to answer the evaluation questions by being their best self and answering the questions diligently and with utmost honesty. Honesty is an important part of the interviewing process as the interviewers can terminate the session upon realizing that the interviewee is not honest

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with his/her responses. An informative interview is two ways, and it allows the student and the school to get to know each by the interviewee and interviewer asking each other questions. During the informative essay, as a student, you are advised to learn as much as you share; meaning that as the interviewer asks questions, you should be asking them too.

Doing your homework or a background check on how the college operates or how it conducts its interview process can be an excellent way to the preparation process. The best way is to study the college's interview processes to get a glimpse of the type of questions which they ask and then come to the meeting while fully prepared. Knowing where the college is situated or located helps to avoid a lot of confusion or stress during the day of the interview process. Practicing the interview process beforehand can help one gain confidence and boost self-esteem. As a student, you can practice with a friend, or by yourself in front of the mirror, and use the opportunity to be familiar with some of the common interview questions. On the actual day of the interview, you should dress appropriately in formal attire or in a business casual style, which is a bit more relaxed than dressing for an office interview. Punctuality is also a good way of preparing, so make sure to be there on or before the scheduled time to avoid last minute rushes (Edmunds, Bernstein and Glennie 360).

A college interview is an important process for a student's college life as it can determine their enrolling in a dream college or being rejected. It is always in the best interests for the student to prepare for the interview, whether it is an evaluation or informatory, as they can determine their life at that college. Preparing for a college interview entails many things such as understanding the purpose of the interview, doing a background check, practicing, dressing appropriately, and being punctual.

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