APPLY SMARTER CHECKLIST

Target schools that give you the best odds of getting in and will cost you the least. Set yourself up for success with these five steps:

☐ **STEP ONE: Determine your projected total veterinary school costs**
  ✓ Go to the [Cost of Education Map](#)
  ✓ Choose “Your Place of Residence” and then select the “Next” button
  ✓ The map will rank schools from the lowest to highest cost of attendance (COA)
  ✓ Click on a school to see the details for the projected cumulative estimates
  ✓ Toggle among cost profiles and estimated annual increases
  ✓ *For extra credit: Estimate your student loan costs for your selected school using the VIN Foundation In-School Loan Estimator*

☐ **STEP TWO: Focus on discounted seats**
  ✓ In-State School option(s)
  ✓ Schools that allow you to obtain in-state tuition after the first year
  ✓ [Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)](#) options
  ✓ Research [Southern Regional Educational Board](#) options
  ✓ 2+2 programs

☐ **STEP THREE: Increase your odds of acceptance**
  ✓ Utilize the Vet School Bound [What are my Chances of Getting into Veterinary School map](#) to see available veterinary school seats
  ✓ Visit veterinary school websites to research admitted class statistics
  ✓ Request admitted recent admitted class statistics from your top choice schools

☐ **STEP FOUR: Explore new graduate and experienced veterinarian income data**
  ✓ [AVMA Veterinary Salary Estimator](#)
  ✓ Income by school for recent veterinary graduates: 2018 AVMA & AAVMC REPORT on the MARKET FOR VETERINARY EDUCATION
  ✓ Bureau of Labor Statistics for veterinarians

☐ **STEP FIVE: Take advantage of helpful resources:**
  ✓ Apply Smarter webinar recording
  ✓ VIN Foundation [Vet School Bound website](#)
  ✓ VIN Foundation [Student Debt Center](#)
  ✓ Student Doctor Network [veterinary forums](#)
  ✓ APVMA [website](#) and [Facebook Group](#)
  ✓ [National Student Loan Data System](#)
  ✓ AAVMC [Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS)](#)

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