APPLY SMARTER 2021 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 (AK+CSU, NE+ISU, UT+WSU, SD+UMN)

☐ STEP THREE: Increase your odds of acceptance
✓ Visit veterinary school websites to research most recent admitted class statistics
✓ Request recent admitted class statistics from your top choice schools
✓ Research combined DVM degree programs to fit your skill set

☐ STEP FOUR: Explore new graduate and experienced veterinarian income data
✓ AVMA Veterinary Salary Estimator
✓ Income by school for recent veterinary graduates: 2020 AVMA Report on the ECONOMIC STATE OF THE VETERINARY EDUCATION
✓ Bureau of Labor Statistics for veterinarians

☐ STEP FIVE: Take advantage of helpful resources:
✓ Apply Smarter webinar recording
✓ Apply Smarter Q&A from webinars
✓ VIN Foundation Vet School Bound website
✓ Apply Smarter Message Boards
✓ VIN Foundation Student Debt Center
✓ APVMA website and Facebook Group
✓ Student Doctor Network veterinary forums
✓ AAVMC Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS)
✓ Federal Student Aid website

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