



Students with Special Talents

Colleges are interested in knowing what makes you, the student, unique. If you have a talent and want to share this with the school to which you are applying, consider the following:

1. **Art:** Prepare an art portfolio of slides. See an art teacher for guidance. Be as professional as possible in your development of materials. Put your name and title of the piece on each item. Be sure to consult the college website in case the college has specific slides or photos they are expecting. If you can, try to submit your work for local contests and art shows to build your resume. Consider National Portfolio Review Day, (<http://www.nationalportfolioday.org>).
 - a. **How to Apply to Art School: The Essential Guide**
(<https://www.collegeessayguy.com/blog/art-school>)
 - b. **Slide Room +The Common App**
(<https://www.slideroom.com/commonapp/applicant-experience/>)
2. **Music:** If you are musical, send original sheet music or send a CD, carefully labeled and containing only your work. If you are part of a group, enclose a letter explaining the CD and directing the listening to your specific instrument or voice. Contact the admissions office. If at all possible, try to arrange to perform or participate in local presentations. You should consult the music department at the specific colleges.
 - a. **CS Music Recruiting: Skills You Need for a Musical Theatre Program**
(<https://www.csmusic.net/content/articles/skills-you-need-for-a-musical-theatre-program/>)
3. **Drama/Dance:** Each college has its own specific requirements. You may have to audition. You may wish to send a CD. Please be aware that certain prestigious drama programs weigh GPA and SAT/ACT scores above the auditions or do not even grant auditions. Try to gather a “clipping” collection and send these “reviews” in a professional looking folder. Consult the music and theater advisors.
4. **Other:** If you have created your own business, send a business card and a synopsis. Maybe you are a scientist, an inventor, or a computer whiz; let the college know about your accomplishments.