

HOW I GOT INTO NYU 2019 | stats, extracurriculars + more

why did they pick me I don't know it starts with violet pride and no that's so cheesy hey beautiful people and welcome back to my youtube channel my name is Sophia and I mean YouTube videos about college and lifestyle so before you keep watching this video make sure to press a little subscribe button that's somewhere in one of these corners so that you'll be notified every time I post a new video hey I'm here to reveal to you how I got into NYU and how you can also gain acceptance to New York University for today's video since I'm a very proud NYU student I'm wearing my NYU class of 2023 hoodie which this has New York and violets 2023 because once your NYU student you need to show that hashtag violet pride I hate myself in today's video I'm gonna talk through how I got admitted to NYU and got the essentials are when you're applying to NYU or just to any US College in general the four core areas of any application or the application itself your stats your extracurriculars and your college essays before I go through every step in the application process I want to talk to you my personal experience applying to NYU and give you some context on what NYU applications are like and what they're looking for so I applied to NYU in December as part of their early decision to round and I applied to the College of Arts and Science as an intended political science major I applied as an international student because not a US citizen and I'm not a u.s. resident so the whole application folks this with a little new to me and I'm also the first person in my family to go to college in the US so I discovered a whole lot of things throughout this application process I'm gonna talk to you about and for some context on NYU admissions this year for the class of 2023 they received over 83,000 applicants my you saw an increase in its international application with over 17,000 international students applying admitted students came from 88 countries and all 50 states this year the acceptance rate dropped to 16% with Emily's lowest acceptance rate yet for the NYU application process there's a few things that I want you to know and things that came in handy for when I applied so let's talk a little about the application process apply early if you're not committed to any school you don't want to be bound by the decision policies you don't feel confident applying early action but honestly the earlier you apply the better your chances are you are likely to receive better financial aid and that was the case for me and you'll find out your school sooner but you actually W early decision rounds which are binding but if your financial aid does not meet your needs you can opt out of the binding policy first early decision rounded end when you have a deadline of November 1st and you find out in December and the early decision to round has a January 1st deadline and you find out February 15th now I applied in the early decision to round was perfect for me because by December I was completely done with all of my college applications and by February I already knew what school I wanted to go to which if you couldn't guess it's NYU Oh apply early or at least as early as you possibly can and obviously to apply early you're gonna need to start working early so since it's summer this is the perfect time for you to start working on your college applications so that you can meet those early action early decision deadlines have a theme to your application or something that makes you stand out in business you have something called a unique selling point a u.s. key and to an extent when you're applying to universities you need to sell yourself there's gonna be thousands of people applied to the same school maybe even to the same major and you need to yourself stand up when you're writing your college application you're putting together those essays (check [nyu essay prompts](#) order to write better essays next time ) and when you're thinking about what cited you you want to show you need to think about what makes you stand out and but for

my application was focused a lot on communication and serving my canoe though my application was really focused on civic engagement and social justice and being a voice for issues of global significance but that was the case for me maybe you're an amazing athlete right you have a really rich family history that you want to show or you're the child of immigrants whatever makes you stand out is what you need to reflect in your application and as cheesy as it sounds it needs to come from your heart application to an extent is gonna take a lot of introspection because you're gonna need to find that makes you unique and you can't do that by yourself as your teachers your parents your friends so essentially when you're applying you think about having a cohesive application and think about who you are going to pitch yourself or sell yourself to those respective colleges and the last thing that I want to mention in terms of the application process are the reference letters obviously this needs to come from people who know you really well but it doesn't necessarily have to be from your favorite teacher the teacher of the class at your best or my college references I chose my history teacher and my Model UN code I chose my history teacher because in the beginning I was struggling a lot with the class and as time went on I gained skills that helped me in the study of history and I became a better student in that subject so I asked my teacher to write my reference letter because he was someone that saw me grow as a learner in a particular subject and so my history teacher was able to highlight how I overcome challenges when it comes to education and also to explain my drive and my motivation when it comes to subject that I don't excel at or that I made struggle with initially my momma un coche I chose for one of my reference letters because he was someone that saw me grow in an area that was not daily academic and because he also saw me in a leadership role and that's something that is super important in either the leader of a club or an organization have a supervisor write your review because they can explain who you are beyond the school walls and that is something that colleges will really appreciate especially if you're someone who has shown leadership and initiative in a particular area the next area is your application are gonna be your steps now mine are a little weird because I'm an international student ID with a 39 out of 45 points for my GPA here's my lovely transcript my school does GPA by grade level and then they give you a cumulative GPA and it's all weight so in tenth grade my GPA was a three point nine eight junior year my GPA was a four point five two and I'm senior year it was a four point five one so my cumulative GPA amount to a four point three I actually did not take the SAT the ACT or any SAT Subject Tests because NYU is one of the test optional schools in the u.s. that is test optional what that means is that even if you take the SAT or the ACT you don't have to submit your test scores which is perfect that if test taking is necessarily one of your skills or it's like me or someone who wasn't able to take any of these standardized tests hurt if you did take the SAT or the ACT or if you're planning to take either one of those tests at NYU the median SAT score for 2019 applicants was on fourteen eighty and ACT scores for NYU admits are usually between a 30 and a 34 the next part of your application is going to be your extracurricular activities so in high school I literally did the most I tried to do a lot of stuff in high school not because I wanted it to be on my college application or my transcript but because I found clubs and activities that I loved and was super passionate about if you join clubs activities organizations just to put them on your college application it will show strength officers are smart they know what you're doing and you try to pass off all of these things that you don't really care about is things that are meaningful to you I guarantee you it will not work having said that the things that I did in high school all had a certain theme to them and as I said before it was part of how I sold myself

as an applicant and everything was related to social justice global and shoes and using my voice to help others except the last activity which I put on there because yeah for the first activity that I listed on my common app was each debate and acting and that was a Club at my school that I did from sophomore to senior year I wrote down all the events that I participated in which were original oratory oral interpretation and promptly speaking and debate and I also put that I was a quarterfinalist for debate and a semi-finalists for original oratory and impromptu speaking the next activity that I had was Model United Nations I did this activity from eighth grade to senior year which showed that I was really dedicated to this activity and that I had committed a lot of time to it I was leader of the club which showed initiative and leadership I participated in over 10 conferences and I chaired in about 4 conferences the conference's that I chaired I was also committee president several times I did City Council I make schooling junior and senior year and I helped organize several community events which raised over 6,000 euros for school service projects I dedicated over 150 hours to serve the communities in need of my local city which included going to retirement homes soup kitchens homeless shelters centers for asylum speak a home for young single mother and the last activity that I did which was the only thing that wasn't really related to social justice and change and using my voice was tennis which I played from seventh grade to sophomore year I just put it because it was that activity that I had done and also to give some diversity to my application but as you can tell all these activities were things that I had committed a fair amount of time to that I was really passionate about and that showed a side of my personality that isn't necessarily reflected by my academics and that's something that I highly encourage you to do no need to have five activities or six activities or however many you could put on the comment app you just need to have the activities that reflect who you are beyond school what kinds of things you're passionate about and the final part of your application process and the thing that I think was key and helping me get into NYU are the college essays now I'm not gonna spill the tea on my college essay just yet because I'm gonna devote an entire video to how to write a good college op sa a supplement essay and where I'm also gonna read the essays that I submitted to NYU so stay tuned for that but what I will say on the topic of the college essays is that first of all it needs to be unique because no one else applying has the same experiences as you so it really needs to reflect who you are as a person and not just as a student it needs to be really well-written so proofread proofread proofread edit edit edit and make sure it gets seen by at least two other pairs of eyes for the supplement s I saw an admissions video from NYU that put it perfectly it's not about why you are right for the school but it's about why the school is right for you so for example in my supplement essay I talked about how different parts of my personality were reflected in the mission of NYU and I think that really helped in my application because a lot of the time you're trying to tell the school why you need to be there but you put a spin on it and tell them why they actually need you your application be more unique but also more introspective along the topic of the essays if you're a senior applying to schools now I wish you the best of luck it can be a very stressful period in high school but it's completely worth it in the end you have a dream school I really hope you are admitted to that school and if you're not don't give up I was rejected from my original dream school and it worked out for the best because NYU is definitely the perfect school for me and it has very quickly become my dream school and I really couldn't think of a more perfect place to follow my dreams good luck seniors if you're in another grade in high school I hope this video helped you think more about the college process if you like this

video and if it was helpful make sure to give it a thumbs up because it really helps out my channel and yeah thank you so much for watching bye [Music]