

From an Application in the Future\*

Term applying for:

Fall 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ Spring 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ Application fee: \$300

Applying for:

Priority Decision<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Decision<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Precision Decision<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Division Decision<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Revision Decision<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Provision Decision<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Derision Decision<sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Rescission Decision<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Yes! Beyond the tangible benefit of earlier notification, I want to receive all other attendant (albeit ambiguous) benefits of applying under this plan. I also want to keep my options open while avoiding the stigma of applying under the Regular Decision plan.

<sup>2</sup> I want to keep all my options open, and I refuse to be a pawn in your silly admission game.

<sup>3</sup> This is exactly the school I'm looking for, and I will enroll if accepted.

<sup>4</sup> My parents and I fought long and hard over whether I should apply to this school, and it is your job to figure out who won.

<sup>5</sup> I like this school, but I may opt to attend a better school should I be admitted to one.

<sup>6</sup> I like this school and will attend provided you ante up with some significant scholarship dollars. I know you have the endowment to do it.

<sup>7</sup> I'm applying but don't fool yourselves—you're definitely my back-up school.

<sup>8</sup> I'm applying, but I may and likely will cancel my application at some point in time.

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