

Headshot Do's and Don'ts

If you have a professional headshot, that's great. If you don't, we don't expect one—you don't have to rush out to get them. Your headshot isn't getting you into a university but we do need a photo.

Here are some “Do's” to keep in mind:

- The photo should be in color.
- It should be of nice, decent, and clear quality.
- It should look exactly like you at this moment in your life.
- It should be between 5-by-7 inches and 8-by-10 inches.
- It should be a photo you've posed for, **not a screengrab of you at a party someone posted on social media.**
- If it's a professional photo, please make sure your name is printed on the front either within a white border or on the actual photo.



Here are some “Don’t’s” to avoid:

- A selfie is not a headshot. Especially when you are on the couch in a snuggie, or in your car and are driving.
- Have a really great picture of yourself that you love, but don’t have a digital version of it? Please do not take a picture of a picture. It turns out very grainy and of low quality.
- Please no night photos, you are trying to get into college, not auditioning for The Bachelor.



- Having a busy or distracting background can take away from your photo. Your room, scene shop, telephone poles behind your house, or family photos behind your head are great and all, but they take away from you.



- While we are talking about backdrops, please make sure

what you are wearing does not blend in with the background. A black wall while wearing a black shirt might seem classic to you but a floating head is not ideal.



- Unless a professional photographer is going to do touch ups on your photo, please do not take photos with instagram filters. We want you to look as natural as possible.

- Think about your clothing. T-shirts, hoodies, camisoles, hats, and sunglasses are probably not the look you should be going for during a college audition.