



Stanford University

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Dear Denny,

I am very sorry to let you know we are unable to offer you admission to Stanford. This decision in no way diminishes your application, which we know was completed with thoughtfulness and care.

We were inspired by the hopes and dreams your application represents. We were humbled by the talent, commitment, and heart you bring to your academics, extracurricular activities, work, and family responsibilities. Simply put, we wish we had more space in the first-year class.

At every step in our process, from the moment we open an application to its eventual presentation in the admission committee, we bring the highest level of consideration to our decisions. Ultimately, these difficult decisions are made with conviction and clarity, and we do not conduct an appeal process.

We recommend visiting our page of [frequently asked questions](#) for answers about our admission process. I also want to share an [article](#) I wrote several years ago for the *Los Angeles Times*. In it, I reflect on admission decisions in the context of educational journeys that encompass a lifetime.

Thank you for applying to Stanford. We enjoyed learning about you, and we know you will thrive wherever your education takes you.

With very best wishes,

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