

Self Assessment Questionnaire

Many students and their parents think that applying to colleges will be the most time consuming step. However, you should also be prepared to spend a great deal of time determining what is important to you. Begin by creating a "wish list" that you will use to sort through the information sent to you by colleges. We've helped you by offering a checklist of items that you may want in your ideal college.

Look at the items and decide if they are essential, relatively important or not important at all. You should add other items to this list, and eventually prioritize your list and compare it with the information you have received from various colleges. Realize that your priorities will change over the course of your high school career, and you will need to revise your list from time to time.

_____ Size of college	_____ Unique traditions/history
_____ Location (small town, large city)	_____ Degree of selectivity in admission
_____ Distance from home	_____ Retention rate
_____ Student diversity (geographic, socioeconomic, racial, ethnic, etc.)	_____ Undergraduate enrollment vs. undergraduate and graduate enrollment
_____ Coed vs. single sex enrollment	_____ Campus appearance
_____ National reputation	_____ Church/religious affiliation
_____ Athletics (varsity, intramural, club, etc.)	_____ Type of curriculum (liberal arts, vocational, etc.)
_____ Cost (and/or net cost after scholarships and financial aid)	_____ Full-time faculty vs. teaching assistants
_____ Academic requirements	_____ Internship opportunities
_____ Social activity and student involvement	_____ Computer facilities (lab and in-room)
_____ Library and research resources	_____ Alumni success/accomplishments
_____ Safety/security on campus	_____ Majors offered
_____ Average class size	_____ Degree requirements
_____ Greek life (fraternities and sororities)	_____ Academic calendar
_____ Student-to-faculty ratio	_____ Availability of honor/special programs
_____ Endowment (financial resources)	_____ Graduate school placement
_____ International study (study abroad) opportunities	_____ Environment in which you thrive (large vs. small, discussion vs. lectures, etc.)
_____ Job placement	_____ What you enjoy doing in your free time
_____ Career services	_____ Friendliness of students, faculty and staff
_____ Alumni satisfaction	_____ Residential vs. commuter campus
_____ Friends/family enrolled	_____ Food (quality, variety of meal plans)
_____ Family history (legacy status)	_____ Cultural opportunities