

College Planning Worksheet

When researching which college to attend, there are many factors to consider—majors offered, distance from home, cost of attendance, campus size, admissions requirements, and campus activities. These factors can play an important role in deciding which college is the best choice for you. Use the template below to note down the characteristics of each college campus you are researching. Feel free to make copies of this template, if you are researching more than 3 schools. Review the characteristics of each college to determine your first choice, second choice, and third choice college.

Name of College			
ACADEMICS			
Does the college offer a 2 yr and/or 4 yr degree?			
Is the major and/or minor you're interested in offered at this campus?			
Is the college you are interested in accredited?			
What is the typical class size?			
What is the student-faculty ratio?			
What kind of class scheduling is offered? (Morn, Noon, Even, Weekend, etc.)			
ADMISSIONS			
When is the deadline to apply?			
Which admission or placement tests do you need to take?			
What is the average SAT or ACT or score, GPA and rank of incoming students?			
What application do you use to apply?			
Do they offer credit for prior learning? (Advanced Placement, College level classes, etc.)			

ENVIRONMENT			
How big is the campus?			
Is the college located in a rural or urban setting? How far is it from home? From the nearest city?			
What is the size of the town the college is located in?			
How big is the student population?			
Is it co-ed? What is the male-female ratio?			
How is campus safety handled?			
<p>Does the campus include the following facilities and services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Computers and Internet Access - Food Service (Cafeterias) - Health Care - On Campus Housing - Off Campus Housing - Library - Recreation or Gym - Transportation (Parking, Buses, etc.) 			
COST AND FINANCIAL AID			
How much is tuition and fees?			
How much is room and board?			
How much is the application fee and deposit?			
What is the estimated amount needed for books, school supplies, transportation, food, etc.?			
<p>Are the following forms of financial aid available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants - Scholarships - Work Study - Loans 			
What is the deadline to apply for financial aid?			

What percentage of students receives financial aid?			
What forms must be submitted?			
STUDENT ACTIVITIES			
What kinds of clubs or organizations are available?			
What athletic or intramural programs are offered?			
Are there opportunities to participate in fraternities/sororities?			
What kind of student support resources are available to help students with career counseling, job placement, or adjusting to school?			
CONTACT INFO			
Admissions Office Phone Number: Email: Contact Name:			
Financial Aid Office Phone Number: Email: Contact Name:			
COLLEGE RANK			