

FACTORS TO CONSIDER IN COMPILING YOUR COLLEGE LIST

**Check those categories that will be important to you in your selection of colleges.
You may check as many as you like.**

GENERAL

- ___ 1. **Campus atmosphere.** Strong school spirit? Traditional? Diverse? Strong athletic programs? Nonconformist? Intellectual? Religious? Strong sense of community?
- ___ 2. **Distance from home.** Location? (New England, South, Mid-West, West)
- ___ 3. **Cost.** Public? Private? Merit scholarships? Ability of college to meet full need?
- ___ 4. **Need for access.** Place of worship? Museums? Lessons? Training? Airports? Relatives? Medical? City? Small town?
- ___ 5. **Safety.**
- ___ 6. **Size.** Small (1,000-3,000) Medium (3,000-10,000) Large (10,000+)

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

- ___ 1. **Degrees offered.** Liberal arts? Engineering? Nursing? Business? Fine arts? Teaching certification?
- ___ 2. **Curriculum choice.** Language requirement? Core requirements? Grading options? No requirements?
- ___ 3. **Special programs.** Junior year abroad? College exchange? Co-op?
- ___ 4. **Academic calendar.** January term? Semesters? Trimesters?
- ___ 5. **Teaching.** By professors? Graduate students? Student/teacher ratio? Lecture? Discussion?
- ___ 6. **Availability of courses.** Ease of access to arts courses or other popular classes? Ability to graduate in four years?
- ___ 7. **Support services.** Writing center? Computer facilities? Math labs? Study skills center?
- ___ 8. **Academic reputation.** Excellence all around? Specific to major? Relaxed? Stressful? Challenging?
- ___ 9. **Availability of faculty.** Percentage of women? Professors of color? Teaching assistants used?

- ___ 10. **Quality of faculty.** PhD's? Tenured? Published? Involvement in students' lives? Reputation for good teaching? Involved in research?
- ___ 11. **Class size.** Introductory classes? Advanced classes?
- ___ 12. **Level of academic quality.** Interest in academic life? Commitment to learning?
- ___ 13. **Goals.** Preprofessional? Graduate school bound? Grade conscious? Commitment to the public good? Interest in teaching?

OTHER IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF A SCHOOL

- ___ 1. **Career center.** Job placement? Graduate school counseling?
- ___ 2. **Library.** Adequate? Dependent upon other libraries? Social or study atmosphere?
- ___ 3. **Residence facilities.** Dorm options? Off campus? Single sex? Quiet dorms? Condition? Presence of adults or advisors? Specialized dorms?
- ___ 4. **Dining facilities?** Choices? Quality of food? Ability to respond to restrictions? Options on number of meals per week?
- ___ 5. **Orientation.** Summer program? Early fall? Adequate?
- ___ 6. **Academic advising.** By department? Assigned? Student's choice? Easily available? Reputation?
- ___ 7. **Athletic facilities.** For athletes only? Non-varsity athletic facilities? Condition? Quality? Use?
- ___ 8. **Religious services.** On campus? Nearby? Actively attended?
- ___ 9. **Art.** Dance? Ceramics? Sculpture? Printmaking? Drawing? Painting?
- ___ 10. **Music.** Singing groups? Orchestra? Jazz? Informal groups? Availability of lessons? Practice rooms?
- ___ 11. **Internships.** When? How arranged? Easily available?
- ___ 12. **Community service organization.** Well run? How active? Supported by general population?
- ___ 13. **Theatre.** Productions per year? Major? Minor? Opportunities for a non-major?

SUMMARIZE your thoughts here by listing those qualities that emerged as important to you from the above list. Add anything else that is important to you.

LIST below any colleges that you (or your family) would like to have on your initial college list. This is just the beginning of compiling a list, so list any school here that interests you.

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2. _____ 7. _____
3. _____ 8. _____
4. _____ 9. _____
5. _____ 10. _____