

Choosing a College

Characteristics to Consider When Choosing a 4-Year College

Overall Entrance Difficulty

Most colleges/universities have a recommended minimum grade point average for transfer students as an institution or for specific academic majors. Student can enhance their admissions application by having an interview with an admissions counselor. Participation in extracurricular activities is another way to add to your application in a positive and productive way.

Examples: Co-curricular clubs, student government, athletic involvement, community service, internships, college committees

1. Establish Your Goals and Interests

- What are your interests?
- What are your goals?
- In what areas do you excel?
- What type of environment is most conducive to your learning style?

2. Review College Characteristics

- Public versus Private, College or University
- Size of the college
- How many students are enrolled
- Location (urban, suburban, small town, rural)
- Distance from home
- Ethnic Composition
- Areas of Study
- Course offerings
- Facilities
- Graduation and Retention Rates
- Campus Environment
- Housing
- Social Activities and Clubs
- Transfer Student services
- Faculty/student ratio
- Admissions Criteria
- Cost
- Financial aid
- Athletics
- Internships or practical experience opportunities

3. Choose the Characteristics that are important to you and rank them