

Deciding Which College is Right for You

Before starting your college, search develop your selection criteria. Consider applying to a range of schools from your ideal school to those that are less competitive. Try to visit the schools you are considering.

Here are some things to think about:

- What do I hope to achieve by a college education?
- What library and technology resources are available?
- Do I want to attend a public or private school?
- Does it offer any extra-curricular school activities that interest me?
- Do I want a large or a small school?
- What support services are available— tutors, skill centers, writing assistance, or counseling?
- Do I want a specialized school or a liberal arts college?
- Do I meet the entrance requirements?
- Where is the school located? Is it in a rural or urban area?
- What type of transportation will I need to get there?
- How do my test scores compare with other students who attend this college? In other words, will I be able to compete?
- What is the campus like?
- Do I want to stay at home or live in a dormitory or apartment?
- What will tuition and fees cost? Will I qualify for financial aid?
- Does the college offer the program of study I want? Have I considered a range of schools?
- What is the college's graduation rate or placement record in the major I have chosen?
- Why do I think this school is a good fit for me?