

## Questions to Ask yourself before you go to college:

***Part 1: Answer the questions below to start narrowing down what you are looking for in a college.***

Why do you want to go to college?

What major are you planning on pursuing (some colleges are tailored to specific fields of study or majors).

Does the college offer your major of choice?

Will this major lead to a career after graduating or will you need to go on to school? (Some majors warrant graduate or doctorate level schooling to be marketable to employers, you may consider this prior to choosing a major)

How far away from home are you willing to travel?

What colleges can you realistically afford (public, private schools, technical schools)

What are your options for paying for college? (Student loans, parent loans, government aid etc...)

Does this college offer any scholarship options that you could take advantage of?

Will you want to live on campus, off campus, or with my parents?

Do you plan to work while attending college?

Do you prefer a rural or urban setting?

Do you plan to play sports? If yes, do they offer your sport?

Will you be able to get a sports scholarship?

Do they offer ample extra-curricular activities and/or appealing socialization opportunities?

Do you prefer a large campus or a small campus?

Do you want a historical campus or a contemporary campus?

Is cultural diversity important to you? Does this campus appear to be diverse?

Are the programs you are interested in nationally accredited?

Will this school challenge you academically?

Do you want to study abroad? (Look for colleges that offer this program if you would like to study abroad).

What academic/social resources are available on campus?

How big are the typical classes and what is your preference? (small teacher to student ratio vs. large lecture halls).

What is the graduation rate?

What is the placement rate after graduation for students in my field of study?

Does the college offer other interests of mine/possible majors in case I change my mind?

Is the campus safe?

***Part 2: In the spaces below write the factors that are most important to you in a college (use the above exercise as a guide). Once you have written the most important factors, use the smaller blanks beside those answers to rank the importance of the factors that matter to you when choosing a college. This should help you narrow your college search.***

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