



Confused about how to choose the college that's right for you? As a high school student, you may find it difficult to separate what you want from where your friends will be attending, or even from the desire to get away from home for the first time. Taking time now ensures that you'll find a school that meets your needs, and avoid costly and disappointing mistakes. Use this questionnaire to determine the living and learning environments best for you, then use the College Comparison Chart on the reverse side to rank your top contenders.

WORKSHEET

1 Majors should be enjoyable, challenging and help you reach your goals. Your favorite classes or activities can translate into majors and careers. List subjects that you would consider as a major.

2 Some colleges ask that you choose a secondary program, called a minor. This can complement your major or develop a completely separate interest. What subjects would you consider studying?

3 Of the subjects you are considering studying, which could translate into a career? Describe the subject and the potential career path.

4 What is your dream job? If possible, find someone locally who has that profession or is in a related field. E-mail or call him or her and ask about their education background, how they got where they are today, and their suggestions for someone pursuing that field of work.

5 What is your GPA? _____

6 Do you work best in competitive or relaxed environments?

7 Which activities do you enjoy? You might consider a school that offers these activities. Check each item below that applies and describe your involvement.

- Sports (Varsity or intramural) _____
- Special interest clubs _____
- Paid employment _____
- Volunteer work _____
- Travel _____
- Performance/creative activities _____

8 What are your short-term goals? Will an associate's degree from a community college achieve these goals?

9 What are your long-term goals? A four-year program can give you the opportunity to sample a variety of subjects and programs. Additionally, many professional fields require a four-year degree for entry.

10 Describe your ethnic background and religious ideology. Would you feel more comfortable in an environment that matches or contrasts this background?

11 What can you and your family afford? How much aid will you need from loans, grants or scholarships?

12 Do you plan to work during college? If so, how many hours and when? You may need a school that can accommodate a day job.

13 How important are living arrangements to your total experience? Would you prefer to stay on or off campus? Share space with a roommate or roommates, or have your own room?

14 How important is your car? Some schools forbid freshmen parking cars on campus.
