


CHOOSING THE COLLEGE THAT'S RIGHT FOR ME

How do you figure out which colleges to
apply to?

1. ASK YOURSELF SOME QUESTIONS...

- What am I interested in?
 - How do I spend my free time?
 - What do I feel passionate about?
 - How do I learn best?
 - What do I think I want to do in the future?
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2. GET TO KNOW THE OPTIONS

- Kinds of Colleges
 - Location
 - Campus Setting
 - Cost
 - Major
 - Learning Environment
 - Available extra-curricular activities
 - Campus Atmosphere
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3. DECIDE WHAT
MATTERS MOST
TO YOU

4. SEARCH FOR COLLEGES

- TYPE OF SCHOOL
 - 2-YEAR OR 4-YEAR
 - PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
 - SCHOOL SIZE
 - SINGLE-SEX OR COED
 - RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION
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LOCATION

- Can you afford out of state tuition?
 - Will you want to make frequent visits home?
 - Will your family want to visit you often?
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CAMPUS & HOUSING

- Setting
 - Residential or Commuter
 - Housing Availability
 - Special Housing Options
 - Cars for Freshmen
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MAJORS & LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- What are my favorite school subjects?
 - What are my hobbies and interests?
 - Do I want to take classes in many different subjects or focus mainly on one subject?
 - What do I want to do after college and which majors can help me get there?
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SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

- SPORTS
 - School-sponsored or intramural


 - ACTIVITIES
 - Choral Groups
 - Dance
 - Music Ensembles
 - Student Newspaper
 - Television Station
 - Band
 - Drama/Theater
 - Radio Station

 - GREEK LIFE
 - Fraternities and sororities
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5. CHECK OUT COLLEGES THAT MIGHT BE RIGHT FOR YOU

- Check out individual colleges
 - Schedule a college visit
 - Go to a college “prospective freshman day”
 - Use the internet
 - Call the admissions office
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KEEP AN OPEN MIND

- Challenge your assumptions about what will work for you
 - Talk to people who know you
 - Don't limit your search
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DO YOUR HOMEWORK

- Talking to your school counselor or teachers
 - Checking out colleges' student blogs, if available
 - Contacting college admission officials
 - Asking admission officials to recommend current students or recent graduates to talk to
 - Visiting college campuses, if possible
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QUESTIONS?
