

## College Search: Questions to Consider

- **Size**  
Are you looking for a school with a lot of different major programs?  
Do you want a school that offers many extracurricular activities?  
Would you like to be a leader on campus?  
Do you want a lot of personal attention from your professors?
- **Location**  
Do you want to visit home more frequently?  
Do you want to be in a big city or small town?  
Do you want to be in a scenic area or in the middle of a metropolis?
- **Academic Programs**  
What is your intended major?
- **Cost**  
Private schools are usually more expensive.  
Out-of-state tuition is usually more expensive.  
What scholarships and financial aid are available?  
What are the scholarship and financial aid deadlines?
- **Campus Life**  
What activities are offered?  
What clubs and organizations are available?  
What does the local community have to offer?  
Do they have fraternities or sororities?  
How are dorms assigned?
- **Statistics**  
What are the acceptance rates?  
What are the retention rates (freshman to sophomore)?  
What are the graduation rates?
- **Admission Criteria**  
What do I need to be admitted?  
What are the deadlines?

A campus visit is a good idea for a college you are strongly considering. Take a scheduled campus tour as well as doing some looking around on your own. Be sure to visit a classroom, eat in the dining hall, check out the dorms, look at the bulletin boards and student newspaper. Ask for a list of clubs and organizations. Ask for a schedule of events. Notice what the students are wearing. Notice how friendly or unfriendly the students are. Find out what it is like on the weekends.