

An Eagle's Flight to the Future: The College Search

Suggested questions to ask yourself about what you want in a college:

- What size university or college do I want to attend?
- How far from home do I want to go to school?
- Do I prefer a city campus, a suburban location, or a small town?
- Are there activities such as sports or clubs in which I want to participate during college?
What program of study do I wish to pursue?
- Are there special services that I require (such as tutoring, readers, interpreters, etc.)?
- Do I want to attend a single sex or co-educational school?



Suggested questions to ask college representatives:

- What factors do you consider when making an admissions decision?
- What is the GPA of the average entering freshman?
- What kind of courses should I be taking in my senior year of high school?
- Do you require the writing portion of the SAT / ACT?
- What is the average score of new students for the SAT / ACT?
- Are the SAT II subject tests required, and if so, which subjects are required?
- Do I need to schedule an admissions interview?
- When are your Open House programs?
- Do you offer overnight visits? May I visit classes?
- What is the application deadline for admissions?
- Do you accept Advanced Placement test credit? What are the scores needed to earn What makes you proud of your institution?
- How do I apply for academic scholarships, and what are the deadlines for applying?

Suggested questions about Financial Aid:

- What are the basic costs for a year (tuition, room/board, fees), and are there additional costs for out-of-state students?
- What is the total estimated student budget for a year?
- What types of financial aid programs are available?
- What percentage of students receives financial aid? What is the average award?
- What kind of need-based scholarship/grant opportunities exist?
- What is the deadline to apply for financial aid?

Suggested questions to ask about programs of study:

- Do you have my major?
- If I am not sure which major I want, are there resources available to help me choose?
- How do you assign faculty advisors to students, especially to those who are undecided about their majors?
- What are your top programs? What unique programs does your institution offer?
- What is your job and graduate school placement rate for graduating students?
- What is your student-to-faculty ratio and average class size?

Suggested questions to ask about campus life:

- What is the total enrollment?
- How many students live on campus? Are freshmen required to live on campus?
- What activities are available? Sports? Arts? Sororities/Fraternities?
- May I bring my car? How much does a parking permit cost?
- How safe is your school? Where can I obtain statistics about crimes on your campus?
- What are some of the causes of students being suspended or dismissed from your institution? Is there an appeals system?