

CHOOSING A COLLEGE

Consider the various characteristics that can distinguish one college from another:

- Size
- Location (geographic as well as urban, suburban, or rural)
- Public or private
- Majors offered and flexibility of degree programs
- Type of institution (two-year, four-year, conservatory, etc.)
- Types of degrees offered (associate's, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral)
- Faculty accessibility
- Cost of attendance
- Support services
- Campus activities

When you think about your own goals for college, determine the type of institution that would best meet your needs. Make an informed choice by comparing the features offered by the colleges that interest you.

FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

You can't afford NOT to go to college! A college education is the single best investment you can make for your future and your career. Don't miss out because of the expected costs. Financial aid is available in many forms for families who need assistance, and merit scholarships are available for deserving students. The following websites, your high school guidance staff, and financial aid staff at any college or university can help you and your family realize your college dreams.

finaid.com
fastweb.com
fafsa.ed.gov
collegeanswer.com
scholarships.com

ADDITIONAL ONLINE COLLEGE SEARCH AND PLANNING RESOURCES

College Board
collegeboard.com
SAT information, test questions, and planning and financial tools

ACT
act.org
ACT information, test questions, and planning tools

Peterson's
petersons.com

U.S. News & World Report rankings
usnews.com

The Princeton Review
princetonreview.com

HOW SHOULD I PLAN FOR COLLEGE?

WHAT CLASSES SHOULD I TAKE?

WHEN SHOULD I START PLANNING FOR COLLEGE?

HOW MUCH MATH SHOULD I TAKE?

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFO?

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