

College Search & Comparison

Finding the Right College and Program

UNDERSTAND TYPES OF SCHOOLS

online search: www.OfftoCollege.com

Community / Junior Colleges: a small college offering 2-year Associate degrees. Many students attend local community colleges with the intent to transfer to a larger institution to further their education.

Colleges: generally smaller in size. They offer 4-year degree programs (BA and BS) and many 2-year Associate degrees.

Universities: larger institutions with specialized degrees in business, engineering, pre-med, etc. They offer 2-year, 4-year, and many graduate and professional degrees.

Vocational / Career Schools: specialized schools of training for specialized trade jobs such as mechanics, computer technicians, medical assistants, etc. Programs may vary requiring only a few weeks to complete while others may require a year or more. Upon completion, graduates will receive a license, certificate or an Associate Degree.

Online Schools: online programs and degrees that you can take anywhere with a PC/web connection. You can earn your degree in some programs.

list three schools that you can definitely get in

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

list three schools that you would probably get in

- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____

list three-six schools that you would like to get in

- 7) _____
- 8) _____
- 9) _____
- 10) _____
- 11) _____
- 12) _____

HOW TO BEGIN YOUR SEARCH

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Assemble a list of colleges or trade schools you'd like to attend. Meet with your school's guidance counselor to discuss your plans and to arrange important campus visits.

There are three categories of schools you should list:

2-3 schools that you could definitely get in

4-5 schools that you could probably get in

7-8 schools that you would like to get in

You should budget on how much you can afford for application submission. If the application submission costs for 16 or more schools may be too much, narrow your search to 3-3-3.

College Comparison Worksheet (link to www.OfftoCollege.com for college search)

School and Location	1.	2.	3.	4.
Public or Private (2- or 4-year)				
Size (student enrollment)				
City / State (distance from home)				
Setting: Urban or Rural - Co-Ed				
Academics				
Student-to-faculty ratio %				
% Classes under 20 students				
% Classes with 50+ students				
% Graduation				
Cost				
Private Tuition and Fees				
Public In-State Tuition and Fees				
Public Out-of-State Tuition and Fees				
Room / Board				
Financial Aid				
Type Financial Aid Package				
\$ Average Financial Aid Package				
\$ Scholarship Package				
\$ Work Study Package				
\$ Other Financial Aid Package				
Scholastic Strength				
Average High School GPA				
Average Entrance Test Scores				
National Ranking				

College Institution Name and Address Worksheet

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COLLEGE INSTITUTION: 1	Name: Address: Telephone: http:// <i>financial aid office information</i> Address: Telephone: http://	COLLEGE INSTITUTION: 2	Name: Address: Telephone: http:// <i>financial aid office information</i> Address: Telephone: http://
COLLEGE INSTITUTION: 3	Name: Address: Telephone: http:// <i>financial aid office information</i> Address: Telephone: http://	COLLEGE INSTITUTION: 4	Name: Address: Telephone: http:// <i>financial aid office information</i> Address: Telephone: http://