

# College Search & Comparison

## Finding the Right College and Program

### UNDERSTAND TYPES OF SCHOOLS

**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

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

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				
<b>Academics</b>				
Student-to-faculty ratio %				
% Classes under 20 students				
% Classes with 50+ students				
% Graduation				
<b>Cost</b>				
Private Tuition and Fees				
Public In-State Tuition and Fees				
Public Out-of-State Tuition and Fees				
Room / Board				
<b>Financial Aid</b>				
Type Financial Aid Package				
\$ Average Financial Aid Package				
\$ Scholarship Package				
\$ Work Study Package				
\$ Other Financial Aid Package				
<b>Scholastic Strength</b>				
Average High School GPA				
Average Entrance Test Scores				
National Ranking				



# College Institution Name and Address Worksheet

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