

College Search

Things to keep in mind when selecting an institution:

- 1. LOCATION:** Each college or university has their own personality. By doing your own investigation, you may find out what college environment best suits you. Your own personal success is often determined by how comfortable and happy you are in your new environment.
- 2. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** Determine if you match the qualifications a college is looking for and your chances of getting accepted.
- 3. COSTS:** Get an idea of what tuition, room/board, books etc. will cost you and your family. Research what financial aid the school offers and discuss this over with your parents. All institutions are different and many offer great awards to worthy students.
- 4. TESTING:** Research the SAT or ACT scores that are required by the college for admission. Arrange to retake these tests if necessary.
- 5. ACADEMICS:** Keep in mind that most small or liberal arts colleges may offer a limited number of programs and majors. However, universities usually offer a wide variety of programs and majors.

When you have developed a list of colleges, call ahead and arrange a tour to visit the school. Pay attention to the atmosphere of the college as well as the students who attend there. Visit a class if possible; ask about institutional scholarships as well as financial aid. Most importantly, get a feel as to how you as a person will fit into the college culture and if it will meet your scholastic as well as career goals.

Most importantly, please consider the tremendous impact that a careful college choice will have on you and your future.