

Important College-Search Questions

Question 1: What type of college am I looking for? *Are you looking for a career-focused technical college? Or a specific type of four-year college? There are many [college options](#) to consider based on your future aspirations, amount of time you want/need to continue your education before starting your career, what you enjoy, and financial considerations.*

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Question 2: Small or big college? *Do I want a smaller community where I recognize some people as I walk around my college campus, or would I rather be in a bigger place where I am more anonymous? Here are more [big vs. small campus](#) options to consider.*

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Question 3: How far away do I want to be from home? *Within an hour or two? 4-8 hour drive? Plane ride? Consider the financial cost and time commitment to travel home during school vacations. If you are in extracurricular activities, also consider the importance and feasibility of family members to be able to come watch your performances.*

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Question 4: Small or big class sizes? *Do I learn well from large lectures (big classes), or do I prefer classes where I can ask questions or have discussions (small classes)?*

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Question 5: Small town, medium town/suburban, or big city? *Does the idea of attending college in a big city excite me, or is it unappealing? What about a more rural or quiet setting?*

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Question 6: Which majors or career-prep paths would my ideal college offer? *You don't need to finalize your career path now, but you want your future college to offer what you are strongly considering.*

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Question 7: What extracurricular activities and clubs would be offered at my ideal college? *(ex: choir, ultimate frisbee, swing dance, basketball, hiking trails, etc.)*

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Question 8: Are there additional features I want in a college? *(ex: research facilities, diversity, learning support center, counseling services, religious affiliation, etc.)*

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