

What's Important To You In the College Search ?

When thinking about a college, which of the following are important to you?

Location

Size

Program

Campus

Cost

Extra Curricular

Supports

If it is a factor in your consideration, take a card with that word on it.

Now select a block in each category that most reflects your preferences.

Put the blocks together in a way that reflects the importance of each factor in your search.

Explain to the group.

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I. Pick one from each of the following categories. Then put them in order of importance to you.

1) Location

Close to home
Within a 4-hour drive from home
Out of state
Somewhere warm

2) Size

Under 5,000
Over 5,000
Over 10,000
Don't care how big the school is as long as the classes are no more than 20 students

3) Program

Good liberal arts because I don't know what I want to study
I know what I want to study, so it has to have that program
I don't want to ever have to take a second or foreign language
I don't want to take any more English or math except if it's directly related to the trade I want to pursue

4) Campus

I'll know it's right when I visit
Near a large city (NY, Boston, LA, Washington)
In a city that has shopping, theatre, restaurants
In a suburban or rural setting – I don't care about being in a city

5) Cost

I'm paying myself, so it has to be inexpensive
My parents are paying and cost is not an issue
It can't cost more than state tuition
I plan to take out loans so it doesn't matter

6) Extra Curricular

I want to play the sport at the level _____
It has to have fraternities / sororities
I want to try lots of different clubs and activities
I don't want a school where partying is all there is to do

7) Supports

I only need one or two test accommodations and won't need any support services
I go for help a lot so I want people to be available to me when I need them
I don't use my accommodations at all and think I won't need them at college
I plan to use study groups and campus tutoring to help me do my best