

Your College Roadmap



Below is a list of questions to be used as a starting point to help you determine your personal priorities when it comes to selecting the perfect college for you. While the list is not exhaustive, it will require thought and planning around several important facets of life and school to assist you towards a decision point. Invest the time today to detail out important aspects of your life to help make the most of your college experience.

What are my long-term goals?

What do I enjoy doing? What do I not enjoy doing?

Why do I want to attend college? How would this move me closer to my goals and career aspirations?

Do I want a specialized degree ([nursing](#), [mechanic](#), [software engineering](#), [cosmetology](#), [dental](#), etc.) or a [liberal arts](#) education?



Is a two-year or four-year program a better fit for me?

How important is cost in making a final decision?

What type of financial assistance is available to me?

Which grants and/or scholarships can I apply for?

Will it be necessary to have a job while going to school? If so, what jobs are available and how will that fit with my school schedule?

How important is it to attend a school near my home?

Am I inclined to move to a certain part of the country versus another part of the country?

Would I prefer a small or large college?

How important is a diverse student body?

How important is the population density in selecting a college albeit rural, metro, or a suburban setting?

Would it be better to live on-campus or off-campus?

Is joining a fraternity or sorority an important factor for me?

Is competing in sports important? Would I be eligible for sports scholarships? If not, are intermural sports an important aspect of student life?

Are my grades fit for a selective school?

How rigorous do I want my academic life to be?

Do I want a curricular design that fosters more independence or more collaborative work?

Does my preferred area of study require teaching faculty with specialization and/or facilities with special services/equipment?

How important is a classroom-based experience versus earning a degree on-line?

Is graduate school important? Is it important to attend graduate school at the same institution as the college I earned my undergraduate degree?

In addition to the above items, please continue to ask questions around each area and formulate your own questions to help develop a solid decision-making platform for your higher education.

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