



COLLEGE VISIT WORKSHEET

The secret to building a good college list is **keeping track of your thoughts and experiences** during your college visits. Whether your visit is in person or virtual, you'll need a place to **jot down the good, the bad, and the amazing** about every school you see.

We've got you covered! **Simply print out the following pages for each school you visit** (or fill it out digitally using your favorite PDF program!) and get your thoughts down while they are fresh in your mind.

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College Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Website: _____

Location: _____ ☐ In-State ☐ Out-Of-State

Date of Visit _____ ☐ In person ☐ Virtual

How did you explore campus? *(Check all that apply)* ☐ Tour ☐ Info Session ☐ Interview

Name of Tour Guide: _____

Name of Info Session Presenter: _____

Name of Regional Admissions Representative: _____

Which application is accepted? *(Check all that apply)*

- ☐ Common App ☐ College's own application
☐ Coalition App ☐ Other

Admission Options: *(Check all that apply)*

- ☐ Early Decision 1 ☐ Restrictive Early Action
☐ Early Decision 2 ☐ Regular Decision
☐ Early Action ☐ Rolling Admission

Size: _____ ☐ Public ☐ Private

Average Tuition: _____

Most recent acceptance rate: _____

TIP

The best source for acceptance rates is the college's website as other sources are not as reliable.

College's Median High School GPA: _____ College's Median SAT/ACT Scores: _____

Is this college test optional? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, what standardized test scores are required for admission? _____

Does this college track demonstrated interest? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does this college offer merit scholarships? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does this college offer need-based financial aid? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, what is the average amount of need-based financial aid it provides? _____

What is the reputation of this college? _____

Where does this college fall on my list? *(Check one)*

☐ Reach ☐ Target ☐ Likely

TIP

Reach, target, and likely colleges vary by student. Join [Application Nation](#) to learn what type of student you are and my secret to building the perfect college list for YOU!

TIP

Be sure to visit schools in each of the categories.

COLLEGE NAME: _____

It's the little moments that help the student remember and develop a personal connection to the college. So, nothing is too small to note! Who knows? The smallest detail may help you later on when you write your supplemental essays for that school.

What is the weather like? Is the campus large or small? What feeling do I get from the campus itself? What kind of transportation is available to and from campus? What is the closest airport/train station/ bus station? Will I need a car to get around? What is near campus (parks, restaurants, venues, coffee shops, grocery stores, nightlife, culture, etc.)?

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ACADEMICS

Does the college offer a wide variety of classes? Does the college offer an honors program? What kind of research opportunities does the college offer? What are the college's graduation and retention rates? What is the student to faculty ratio? What is the reputation of the major/program I am considering? What kind of academic support does the college offer?

TIP

Consider the competitiveness of the major/program as some are more selective than others. Business, computer science, science, and some other marquee programs at the college have much tougher admissions standards and thus the student must ensure they have plenty of target and likely choices on their list.

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What is the social scene like? What is the gender balance of the school? Is there diversity on campus? What are the extracurricular offerings like? What kind of traditions does the college have? Are there sporting events on campus? What are the intramural and club sports offered? Are there on-campus health/counseling services available?

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Is housing guaranteed all four years? Do most students live on campus? What is the housing selection process like? What are the housing options (singles, doubles, apartments)? What amenities do dorms have? What recreational activities are available to students? Can we eat in the dining hall if we are visiting in person? Does the dining hall cater to dietary needs?

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DO I SEE MYSELF HERE?

☐ Yes

Why? _____

☐ No

Why? _____

☐ Maybe

Why? _____

TIP

Consider picking three characteristics that you are not willing to budge on and use those to inform your college list.

TIP

There will be so many people trying to influence your list — admissions officers, parents, family members, friends, and counselors. Don't be swayed by superficial reasons or less meaningful characteristics. Just because it seems like everyone is applying to a particular college in your community doesn't mean it's right for you. And, just because it appears that a number of your classmates plan to apply to your dream college doesn't mean it should discourage you from applying.

ADDITIONAL NOTES
