

Things to Consider When Looking for a College

- ◆ What types of post-secondary institutions are you looking for – Liberal arts, residential, four-year, two-year, technical, vocational, etc.
- ◆ Think about the size of the school. Are you looking for a campus with a large number of students, one relatively small, or in-between?
- ◆ What type of programs and degrees do these colleges offer? Do they fit your field of interest? How long will it take to accomplish your academic goals – one year, two years, three years, four years, longer?
- ◆ Consider the overall cost of college: tuition, room & board, food, books, transportation, personal expenses, recreational/social activities.

Things to ask College Representatives

- ❖ What type of financial aid is offered? Are scholarships, loans, grants, work-study jobs available?
- ❖ What are the admission criteria?
- ❖ What majors are offered?
- ❖ What type of housing are you looking for – parent's home, residence, hall, apartment, sorority/fraternity?
- ❖ What type of student activities are available? Student government, sports, music, theatre, art, publications, Greek system?
- ❖ How many students graduate in four years?
- ❖ How extensive are the school's job placement, career planning, and counseling services?
- ❖ What is the average class size? What is the faculty/student ratio?
- ❖ What facilities are offered – library, gym, bookstore, student health center, career center, cafeteria, wellness center?
- ❖ Is there adequate parking? Is it free or by paid permit only?
- ❖ What type of student orientation program is offered?

When You're Ready to Look at a Specific College...

- Arrange to tour the campus.
- Ask to meet with staff/faculty and students who can tell you about the areas in which you are interested.
- Arrange to talk with an admission counselor about tuition, scholarships, and financial aid, life on campus, etc.
- Consider sitting in on some classes which you might take.
- If you know someone on campus personally, be sure to talk to them.
- Don't be afraid to ask questions!
- Ask yourself: "Will this school be able to meet my needs academically, socially economically, and intellectually?"