

Conducting a College Search

- What values are most important to you?
- What is your favorite thing to do?
- What inspires you?
- What makes you happy?
- What are the first words that come to mind when asked to describe yourself?
- Are you a morning or night person?
- Do you like peace and quiet or hustle and bustle?
- What are you known for in your family?
- Which teacher do you have an important relationship with and why?
- What has been your greatest challenge in high school?
- What are your weaknesses academically?
- What subject have you excelled in?
- Do you prefer a large lecture class or a small discussion group?
- Is it important to you to have close relationships with your teachers?
- Why are you going to college?
- Is there a career you are intent on pursuing?
- If you took a year off before college, what would you do?
- What balance of study, activities and social life are you looking for?
- Is there an activity you insist on pursuing in college?
- Are you ready to live far from home?
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- Do you like being around people like yourself or do you prefer a more diverse community?

TIPS: Think about the “why” of each of your answers. Write down your responses to the questions and be sure to distinguish between wants and needs. Search for schools that match those priorities.