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**Things to Consider When Choosing a College**

What characteristics are most important to you in choosing a college? Please circle your preferences from the following choices. Circle all options that you’d be happy with in each category; you can always narrow (or broaden) your choices as you learn more.

**I see myself attending:**

-A PUBLIC university

Or

-A PRIVATE university

-A very large university (over 15,000 students)

-A large university (7,500-14,999)

-A medium university (2,000-7,499)

-A small university (750-1,999)

-A very small university (fewer than 750)

-A very large university (over 15,000 students)

-A large university (7,500-14,999)

-2-year community or technical/trade college, which is (circle one):

Coeducational **OR** Single sex

And where most students (circle one):

Live on campus **OR** Commute to classes

**Ideally, this school would be located in:**

-A SMALL TOWN, within an hour’s drive to a major city

-A quiet, RURAL area several hours drive from a major city

-A SUBURB or METROPOLITAN

Area

-DOWNTOWN in a big city

**I would prefer if the school I attend is:**

-Close to home (Western WA)

-Within WA

-Somewhere on the West Coast

-Somewhere on the East Coast

-In a different part of the country, specifically:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

-In a different country:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**I WANT / DON’T WANT / DON’T CARE** (circle one) **to attend a school that has a specific religious affiliation**

Religious preference**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

How would you describe a “good” college?

Why do you want to go to college? What do you hope to accomplish? Consider your career goals and your broader goals.

What do you look forward to the most about going to college?

Have you talked to your parents about college? If they went to college, what was their experience like? Do they have expectations regarding why you should (or shouldn’t) go to college or what they expect you to accomplish?

How do you plan to pay for college? Is this a conversation you’ve had with your parents, and do you know if/how much they are willing or able to contribute to the cost?

If you could have any job you wanted, regardless of the education/training involved, what would it be? Why?

What is your idea of a successful person?

What are some of your preferred ways to spend free time? Or some of your passions?

Rate the following subject areas on a scale by circling the number that most closely matches your interest in the subject.

**ZERO** *means absolutely no interest in studying* and **TEN** *means extremely interested in studying.*

Architecture 0 2 4 6 8 10

Art History 0 2 4 6 8 10

Biology 0 2 4 6 8 10

Business 0 2 4 6 8 10

Communications 0 2 4 6 8 10

Computer Science 0 2 4 6 8 10

Economics 0 2 4 6 8 10

Education 0 2 4 6 8 10

Engineering 0 2 4 6 8 10

English/Literature 0 2 4 6 8 10

Ethnic Studies 0 2 4 6 8 10

Film 0 2 4 6 8 10

Geology 0 2 4 6 8 10

History 0 2 4 6 8 10

International Relations 0 2 4 6 8 10

Mathematics 0 2 4 6 8 10

Pre-medicine 0 2 4 6 8 10

Music 0 2 4 6 8 10

Philosophy/Religion 0 2 4 6 8 10

Physics 0 2 4 6 8 10

Political Science 0 2 4 6 8 10

Psychology 0 2 4 6 8 10

Sociology 0 2 4 6 8 10

Speech Sciences 0 2 4 6 8 10

Studio Art 0 2 4 6 8 10

Theater Arts 0 2 4 6 8 10

Trade School 0 2 4 6 8 10

World Languages 0 2 4 6 8 10

Other:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 0 2 4 6 8 10

In choosing a college, how important to ***you*** are the factors listed below? (**1** means low importance, **5** is very important)

Academic excellence 1 2 3 4 5

Area of study 1 2 3 4 5

Athletics 1 2 3 4 5

Cost 1 2 3 4 5

Location 1 2 3 4 5

Size of School 1 2 3 4 5

Social Environment 1 2 3 4 5

Variety of Activities 1 2 3 4 5

Majors or areas of study of greatest interest to me:

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Clubs, activities, or sports I hope to participate in:

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Other important factors to me as I consider colleges are:

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Deal-breakers (anything your college MUST have):

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Nice to have (things you’d like but are not deal-breakers):

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I am particularly interested in the following colleges & would like to learn more about them:

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