

Developing your College List: A Self-Audit

This form is for you alone. Think about your answers and you will develop self-understanding that will help you make a good college choice.

1. My idea of a successful person is? Why?
2. Looking back over the past two years, what was in my mind when I was choosing my high school courses?
3. Am I looking forward to a challenging senior year course load?
4. Do I enjoy and am I ready to discipline myself for additional study routine and hard work in college? Four years?
5. What would I like to learn that my high school doesn't offer?
6. What do I really enjoy doing?
7. What do I do other than go to class?
8. How much time do I now spend on studying in the evenings?
9. Do I study on weekends?
10. Do I read books that are not required for school courses all the time/sometimes/rarely/ never?
11. How many hours a week do I watch TV?
12. What kind of person am I? Organized? A leader? A follower? Shy? Quiet? Assertive? Active?
13. Given the opportunity, what careers might I consider? (Give three possibilities.) Why would I consider these careers?
14. What careers would I not consider? Why not?
15. In which subject areas do I excel?
16. What subject areas could I improve if I really tried?
17. How easy is it for me to seek help from teachers or friends when needed?
18. Am I competitive? If so, to what extent?
_____ I want to be first. _____ I want to be better than I was last year. _____ I'm happy the way I am.
19. The qualities I like in my friends are _____?
20. I want to find a college that offers the following: (On a separate page list ten of your top priorities using the items on the reverse side as a guide. Add other items if you wish.)

A. Location
 Close to home so I can commute.
 Live at college but stay in my home state.
 Move into a different part of the country for college. (If this choice, state area of country)

B. Type of institution
 Two-year college Four-year college Single sex or co-ed
 Public Private Religious orientation

C. Size
 Below 2,000 2,000 5,000 - 10,000 Over 10,000
(Remember, your answer to B. may indicate the size.)

D. Environment
 Major Metropolitan area Large city Small city
 Small town Rural area

E. Athletics: state what sport(s) you seek and whether varsity or intramural:

F. Activities you are interested in pursuing:

G. Areas of study that interest you:

<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Studies
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Languages
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Sciences	<input type="checkbox"/> Geology
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Preparation for health & medical professions
<input type="checkbox"/> Communication (film, TV, journalism)	<input type="checkbox"/> History and cultures
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics
<input type="checkbox"/> Economics	<input type="checkbox"/> Music
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy and religion
<input type="checkbox"/> Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical sciences
<input type="checkbox"/> Secondary	<input type="checkbox"/> Psychology
<input type="checkbox"/> Spec. Ed./ Learning Disability	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Sciences
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Theatre Arts
<input type="checkbox"/> English/literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

21. Assessing what is most important
(Rank in order of preference, 1 = most important, 2 = next important, etc.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Area of study	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment
<input type="checkbox"/> Location	<input type="checkbox"/> Athletics
<input type="checkbox"/> Type of institution	<input type="checkbox"/> Activities
<input type="checkbox"/> Size of institution	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost

22. How will my family finance my education? What is our budget? What will I contribute?

23. Am I ready to go to college? If not, why, and what should I do before I go?

Think through all your answers here, and draw conclusions about where you would best fit.

Now you are ready to talk things over with your parents, school counselor, and teachers.