Activity: College Fit Worksheet

SECTION ONE

What characteristics of a college are important to you? What are your personal preferences for the following characteristics?

Types of Schools
- Liberal arts colleges
- Research universities

Size
- Personal learning style
- Level of individual attention available
- Average classroom size
- Academic and social opportunities available
- Knowing everyone or always meeting new people

Location
- Urban, suburban, or small town
- Nearby area and/or metropolitan areas
- Distance from home
- Geography as well as seasonal climate

Academic Programs
- Specific programs of interest
- Options if you are undecided or change your mind
- Opportunities for research or other involvement
- Core requirements and flexibility

Student Life
- Variety of campus and student-run organizations
- Athletics (intramural, conference, etc.)
Housing system and options ____________________________________________

Student and campus culture ____________________________________________

SECTION TWO

What are your top three college “must-haves” from your notes above?

1) ________________________________

2) ________________________________

3) ________________________________

SECTION THREE

Use the relevant questions below at the college fair to see if a college might be a good fit for you.

Academics

> What type of student thrives in the learning environment at your college?

> I’m interested in studying ________, can you tell me about the academic programs you offer in that area?

> What internship and/or field study opportunities are available to students studying ________ over the summer?

Campus Life

> What are students typically involved in outside of the classroom?

> Which characteristics would describe the student body at your college?

> What are some resources available for first-generation and/or low-income students at your college?

> What are some notable and interesting traditions that take place on campus?

Location

> Can you tell me more about the location and the different activities and opportunities available nearby?

> Your college is far from my home and I probably won’t be able to visit in person. Do you have any ideas for how I can get to know the school better?