**College Comparison Scorecard**

*Compare colleges based on the characteristics that are most important to you. The scorecard helps you evaluate up to three schools side-by-side.*

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| **Rating System** | | |
| ★**Important** |  | **Not as important** |
| **4** | This college is a perfect match. | **3** |
| **2** | This college kind of meets my criteria. | **2** |
| **0** | This college doesn’t have what I want. | **1** |

**STEP 1:** Take the “What’s my ideal college?” survey in the first column. Put a star in the second column next to the criteria that are most important to you.

**STEP 2:** Rate colleges that you visit in person or on a virtual tour based on how well they fit your criteria (see rating system to the right).

**STEP 3:** Total up the scores to see what college might be a great fit for you!

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| What’s my ideal college?  *Circle the answer or answers that best apply to you.* |  | College #1: | College #2: | College #3: |
|  | ★ |  |  |  |
| I want a college that is located:  a. Close to home  b. As far away as possible  c. Somewhere in between so I can easily get back for weekends or holidays |  |  |  |  |
| I prefer a campus size that is:  a. Small (under 5,000 students)  b. Medium (5,000-15,000 students)  c. Large (15,000+ students) |  |  |  |  |
| I want the college to be in the:  a. City  b. Suburbs  c. Country |  |  |  |  |
| I want to be able to live:  a. On campus, in a dorm or apartment  b. Off campus, in an apartment or house  c. At home |  |  |  |  |
| I would prefer a college that is:  a. Private (not a public or state school)  b. Single-sex (only male, only female)  c. Religiously affiliated  d. Known for serving ethnic minorities (Tribal colleges, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-serving institutions)  e. None of these are important to me |  |  |  |  |
| What’s my ideal college?  *Circle the answer or answers that best apply to you.* |  | **College #1:** | **College #2:** | **College #3:** |
|  | ★ |  |  |  |
| I want to complete my degree in:  a. 2 years or less (A.A.)  b. 4 years (B.A., B.S.)  c. More than 4 years (Masters, Doctorate and Professional) |  |  |  |  |
| My ideal college offers degrees in:  a. Art and Design  b. Sciences and Engineering  c. Health fields  d. Teaching and Counseling  e. Business or Law  f. Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |  |
| I want to be able to participate in the following activities:  a. Sports (either intramural, Division I, Division II or Division III)  b. Student government  c. Community service  d. Greek life (sororities and fraternities)  e. Other clubs and activities:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |  |
| I want to be able to use the following student services:  a. Tutoring/academic support  b. Counseling and health services  c. Study abroad  d. Recreational sports and/or a student gym  e. Disability access  f. Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |  |
| I want a college that offers financial aid including:  a. Scholarships  b. Grants  c. Loans  d. Work-study programs  e. This isn’t important to me. |  |  |  |  |
| I want a college where students receive an average of \_\_\_\_% of their financial need through financial aid.  *(Use the* [*CollegeBoard*](http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/index.jsp) *search.)*  a. 75—100%  b. 50—74%  c. 25—49%  d. Less than 25% |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL |  |  |  |  |