**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 homeb. As far away as possiblec. 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. Cityb. Suburbsc. Country |  |   |   |  |
| I want to be able to live:a. On campus, in a dorm or apartmentb. Off campus, in an apartment or housec. 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 affiliatedd. 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 Designb. Sciences and Engineeringc. Health fieldsd. Teaching and Counselinge. Business or Lawf. 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 governmentc. Community serviced. Greek life (sororities and fraternities)e. Other clubs and activities:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |   |   |  |
| I want to be able to use the following student services:a. Tutoring/academic supportb. Counseling and health servicesc. Study abroadd. Recreational sports and/or a student gyme. Disability accessf. Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |   |   |  |
| I want a college that offers financial aid including:a. Scholarshipsb. Grantsc. Loansd. Work-study programse. 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 |  |   |   |  |