

Things to Consider When Looking for a College!

1. **Types of College/University:**
 - **Liberal Arts:** A college with an emphasis on undergraduate study in liberal arts and sciences
 - Examples: Grinnell, Cornell, Coe, Central, Wartburg
 - **Four Year (Bachelor's degree):** A college that offers students an undergraduate degree in a wide range of academic majors.
 - Examples: Iowa State, University of Iowa, University of Northern Iowa
 - **Two Year (Also called a community college or junior college. Associate's Degree):** These colleges offer many types of educational programs, including those that lead to degrees/certificates and that serve a job-entry educational experience.
 - Examples: Indian Hills, Iowa Central Community College, Southeastern Community College, Ellsworth, Kirkwood
 - **Technical/Vocational (Also called trade school or career college):** Secondary education that focuses exclusively on the job training needed for a specific career or skilled trade.
 - Examples: Iowa Lakes community college, Midwest technical institute, Siouxland Pipe welding school, Body wisdom massage therapy, Iowa school of beauty.
2. **Size of the college/university:** Do you want to be part of a smaller or larger campus? Think about what **YOU** will need to be successful. Do you work better in a smaller classroom setting, or a larger one?
3. Think about what you want to study and where you can find that major. What types of internships have students done in the past?

What do I ask the College Reps?

- What type of financial aid is offered at your school? Are scholarships, loans, grants, and work-study jobs available?
- Can you explain the admission criteria?
- What majors do you offer?
- What types of student activities are available on campus? (Student government, sports, music, theatre, art, Greek system?)
- How safe is your college?
- How many students graduate in 4 years? What is the job placement like after graduation?
- What is the average class size? What is the faculty to staff ratio? Do your professors teach the classes or will a teaching assistant be doing so?
- What are your facilities like? (Library, gym, book store, student health center, career center, cafeteria, wellness center)
- Is there adequate parking? Is it free or by permit only?
- What type of student orientation do you provide?

When you're ready to look at a specific school!

- Arrange to tour your campus
- Ask to meet with staff/faculty and students who can tell you about your areas of interest
- Arrange to talk with an admission counselor to talk more about tuition, scholarships, life on campus, etc.
- Consider sitting in on some classes
- If you know someone on campus personally, be sure to get their input!
- Don't be afraid to ask questions
- Ask yourself: "Will this school be able to meet my needs academically, socially, economically, and intellectually?"

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College Visit Form

College/University _____

Student _____

Date _____

College Representative Signature _____

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