Worksheet: Design Your Dream College

Not sure how to choose a college? You might find it difficult to separate what you want from where your friends will be attending, or even from the desire to get away from home. Use this questionnaire to determine the living and learning environments best for you. Then, use the College Comparison Chart on page 12 to rank your top contenders.

1.	Consider your career goals. Will an associate degree from a community college achieve these goals, or will you need to attend a four-year college?	 8. Describe the student population at your dream school. Is it ethnically diverse, same-sex, religious, etc.? 9. List any special programs (study abroad, honors, internships, etc.) you seek in a school. 			
2.	A liberal arts education imparts general knowledge in a wide range of subjects, with an emphasis in one or two areas of study. A professional, technical or vocational curriculum solely focuses on preparing students for a specific career. Which type of curriculum will best help you reach your post-college goals?				
		10.List any special interests or activities in which you plan to participate during college.			
3.	Small colleges offer more intimate classroom settings, while large schools often have a greater selection of academic and extracurricular programs. On what size campus would you feel most comfortable? o Very small (fewer than 1,000) o Small (1,000-3,999) o Medium (4,000-8,999) o Large (9,000-19,999) o Very large (20,000+)	11.Consider how much you and your family can afford. What is the most you can spend on tuition?			
4.	Do you plan to live on campus or commute?	12.Is it important for you to have a car on campus?			
5.	What distance from home is your ideal college?				
6.	Your major should be enjoyable and help you reach your career goals. List the majors you are considering.	13. How important is it for your school to have an impressive reputation?			
7.	Think about the surroundings of your future school. What type of community are you looking for?	14. Your academic profile: GPA: Class rank (percentile): ACT score:			
	o Rural o Urban o Suburban	SAT score:			

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