

Name: _____

COLLEGE SEARCH INVENTORY

Making college choices is a very personal process. Only you know what will make you happy in a college setting, so it is important that you think carefully about your strengths and your interests while researching colleges. The following questions are designed to help you identify some criteria on which to base your initial college search. As you learn more about colleges, some of these may change. Your college counselor will be available to help you and may suggest colleges you have not found, but the ultimate responsibility for creating a college list lies with you. As you get deeper into your research and your interests develop, you may find it helpful to refer back to this questionnaire and ask yourself some of the questions a second time.

ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT

What sort of academic setting currently interests you?

- Liberal Arts College
- University
- Engineering Specialty School
- Business Specialty School
- Fine Arts Conservatory School (music, art, theatre)

What areas of study have you considered?

How do you feel (most of the time) about your academics?

- Enjoy all academic work; love to learn, regardless of the grade
- Enjoy certain subjects, don't put as much energy into subjects you don't like
- Willing to do what is necessary to achieve goals later in life
- Not very enthusiastic about school in general

What degree of challenge do you want from a college's faculty and curriculum?

- More challenging than Hawken
- Similar to Hawken
- Somewhat less challenging than Hawken
- Much less challenging than Hawken

How much academic competition do you want from the other students at a college?

- More competition than Hawken students offer
- The same competition that Hawken students offer
- Less competition than Hawken students offer
- Much less competition than Hawken students offer

Are any of the following important to you?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Complete freedom to plan your courses | <input type="checkbox"/> A few required courses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> An honors program | <input type="checkbox"/> A structured curriculum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historically Black College | <input type="checkbox"/> Single-sex college |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very active fraternity/sorority system | <input type="checkbox"/> No fraternity/sorority system |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support for learning differences | |

SOCIAL/PERSONAL ENVIRONMENT

How far away from home would you like to go?

- Close enough to come home on weekends or on the spur of the moments
- A day's drive away - close enough to drive for holidays or longer breaks
- Distance doesn't matter, as long as it's out of state
- Distance doesn't matter at all

What region of the country would you like to live in?

- East (New England and Mid Atlantic States)
- Southeast (Virginia to Florida)
- South
- Southwest (Texas, New Mexico, Arizona)
- Midwest
- Rocky Mountain states
- Pacific Northwest
- California
- Outside the U.S. (List) _____

What sort of campus setting interests you?

- Rural area, without many towns or cities nearby – students stay on campus
- Rural area, but a few hours away from a city – students go there on occasion
- Small college town setting – the students are the town's major population
- Suburban
- In a city, but enclosed campus
- Urban campus in the heart of city life

What size student body would you be happy in?

- Very small (1,000 or fewer) - You will know everyone, and they will know you
- Small (1,000 - 3,000) - You will know most people
- Medium (3,000 - 10,000) - You can know most people if you are outgoing; you will recognize most people on campus
- Large (10,000 - 20,000) - You will know people you regularly encounter in class, activities, or in your dormitory; you will regularly see people you do not know
- Very Large (20,000 or more) - You will know people you regularly encounter in class, activities, or in your dormitory; you will regularly see people you do not know; you may have more large classes or teaching assistants

What sort of lifestyle do you want to lead?

- Have a small group of friends that you spend most of your time with
- Have the opportunity to party when you want, but spend most of your time on serious academic work
- Have something different happening every night of the week
- Have the opportunity to join a fraternity or sorority, but no pressure to do so
- Be part of an active fraternity/sorority system
- Have a lot of campus spirit for sports teams
- Practice strong religious beliefs
- See visible support for varied lifestyles and beliefs
- Be part of a conservative student body
- Be part of a very diverse student body (geographic, racial, ethnic, economic, social)

How important is it to you that you participate in sports in college? _____

If you are on a team, would you rather:

- Play in every game, regardless of the level of competition
- Play in some games as a freshman but have the chance to grow on the team
- Sit the bench as a freshman, but be part of a well-known program
- Make academics your priority, but play for the fun of it

List colleges that you or your parents are interested in learning more about:

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