

**Everything you need to
know about college!**

The YES Program

7 Criterias to consider when choosing a college

1. Types of colleges

2. Size

3. Location

4. Academic Programs

5. Campus Life:

6. Scholarships & financial Aid

7. Admission Criteria



1. Type of colleges



Technical school

This is not a degree, this is a certificate. (about 6 months to 2 years)

Plumber, HVAC technician, Mechanic, Cosmetologists, Massage therapists



Community College

This is a 2 year degree (associates)

Can help save money by taking general education courses at a cheaper price.



Career Certificates Money
Associates Degree Public
Education Tuition Fees
Affordability
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COMMUNITY
Aid COLLEGES
Programs Two Year
eLearning Students
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Junior College States
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1. Type of colleges cont.

Private College

4 year degree (bachelors)

Is usually founded by religious groups

Does not allow federal aid

Gives a lot of money in scholarships



State University

4 year degree (bachelor)

Allows federal and state aid

Usually cheaper



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1. Type of colleges cont.

Graduate school

Master's Degree

Some majors require a Master's degree to start working in the field it is important to understand this prior to go to school for a specific degree.

Usually 2 year, unless it is law or medicine they vary.



2. Size

Not all schools are the same when it comes to size.

Some schools are big with around 50,000 students others are smaller with a few thousand students

Other schools are different sizes when it comes to acres. Some are as large as a town where others have only a few buildings.

Average Class Size
of Private Colleges



~15 Students

Average Class Size
of Public Colleges



~60 Students



2. Size

Questions about Size:

Do you want the same size school as HS? Or bigger or smaller?

Do you want it to be a college town?

How many students will be in your school?

Class sizes?



3. Location, Location, Location

Questions to consider:

Do you want to stay instate or do you want to go out of state?

How far are you willing to go from home?

How much will it cost for you to travel home and can you afford to travel home?



3. Location, Location, Location cont.

Cost of going out of state:

- Are there out of state fees
- Can these fees be waived?
- Do they give extra money for out of state students to help with travel costs?

Benefits to staying close to home:

- Can commute
- Saving money
- Having support from family and friends



3. Location, Location, Location cont.

Also, consider the Weather!

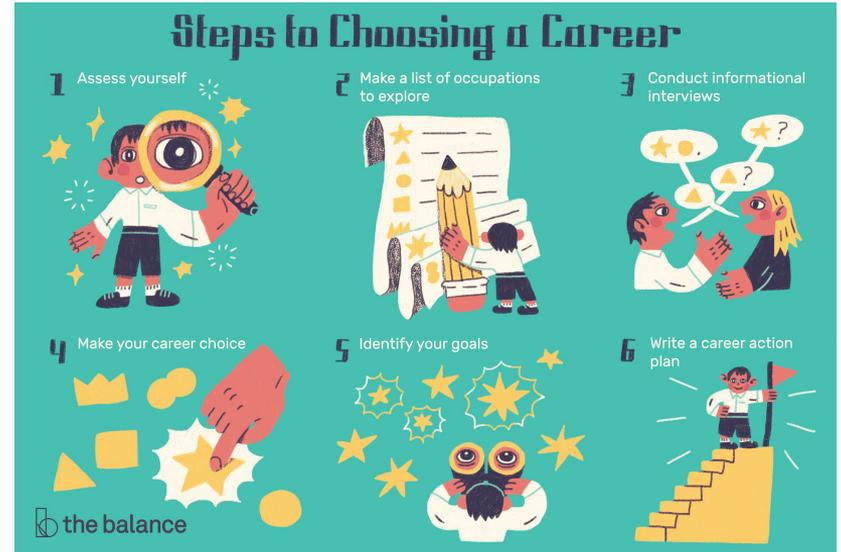
- Do you want to go to a college where it is warm or cold, dry or rainy?

*** Are you planning to move to this state after graduation?***



4.Academics

Reminder when picking a major without knowing what you want to do: Your career will come from something you are good at, something you enjoy doing, or something that you are passionate about.



5. Campus life

Dorms:

Do you want to have options for on and off campus housing.

Do you have a price point for housing?

Do you want the option to have one roommate or multiple?

Do you want individual or communal bathrooms?



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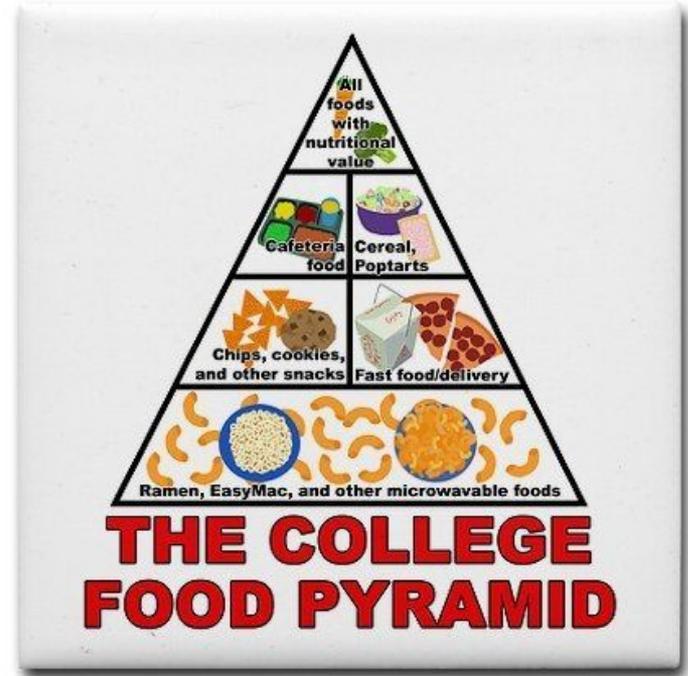
Dining options:

Are you a picky eater and will you eat what they have on campus?

What are your meal plan options?

Do I need to get a meal plan?

Can I afford a meal plan?



5. Campus life

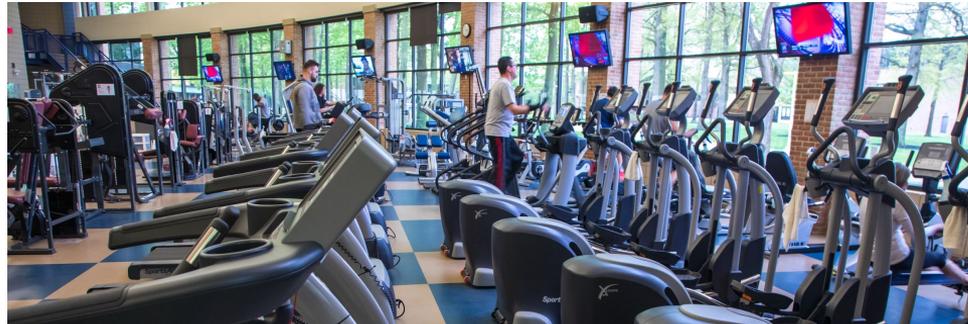
Amenities:

Do you have to pay for laundry?

Does it have a gym or workout equipment?

Do they have printer stations and where are they located?

Can I rent equipment on campus to play sports with friends.

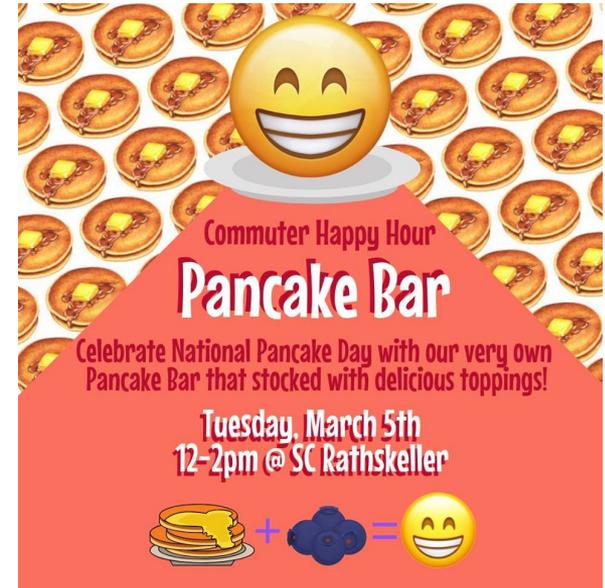


5. Campus life

If you are planning on commuting what amenities do they have for you?



- Commuter lounge
- lockers
- Commuter meal plans
- Commuter activities
- Commuter organizations



5. Campus life:

Academics:

Does the school have a resource office for internships?

Can I study abroad at this school?

Does my major have any activities?

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5. Campus life

Extracurricular

What student organizations do they have

Do you want a school with Greek life?

Do they have sports?

(Club, Intramural, or division)

Do you want to attend big sporting events?

Do people stay over the weekend?



6. Scholarships and financial aid

1st understand that College is an investment in your future

Do not take a college off your list just because of price

The price on the website is not the price you will pay.



6. Scholarships and financial aid

Scholarships: FREE
MONEY!!!!!!

Do you have any local scholarships?

What University Scholarships are there?

Look for foundation scholarships?

HINT: Apply for as many scholarships as you can !



6. Scholarships and Financial aid

GRANTS

GRANTS are GREAT!

Grants are free money that you do not need to pay back!



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Loans:

Subsidized – loan without any interest until after you graduate

Unsubsidized – This is loan that will accumulate interest while in school

These will need to be paid back



7. Admission Criteria

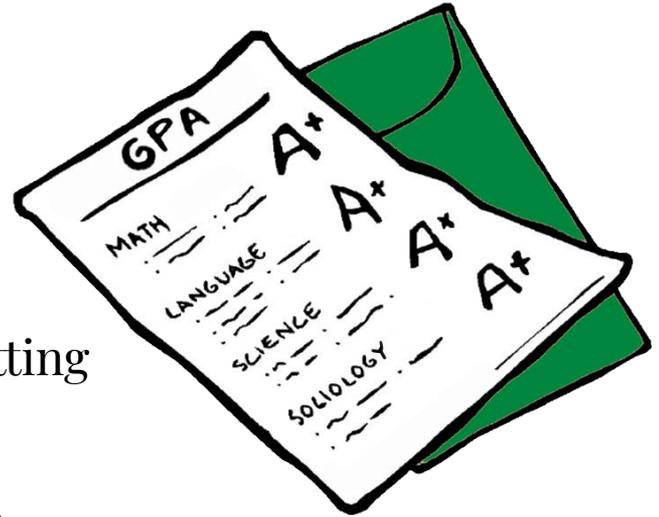
What does the school require during the application process?

GPA from Freshman, Sophomore and Junior year

Courses completes:

Getting good grades in regular class is better then getting bad grades in an AP/honors class

Did you complete all the required classes for this university?



7. Admission Criteria

ACT/SAT

This is not always required!

Check with your school some may want
ACT and some may want SAT



7. Admission Criteria

During the admission process the schools
wants to learn about you not just your
grades!!!

What extracurricular activities do you
participate in?

Do you have a job?

Do you play a sport or an instrument?

Are you well rounded?

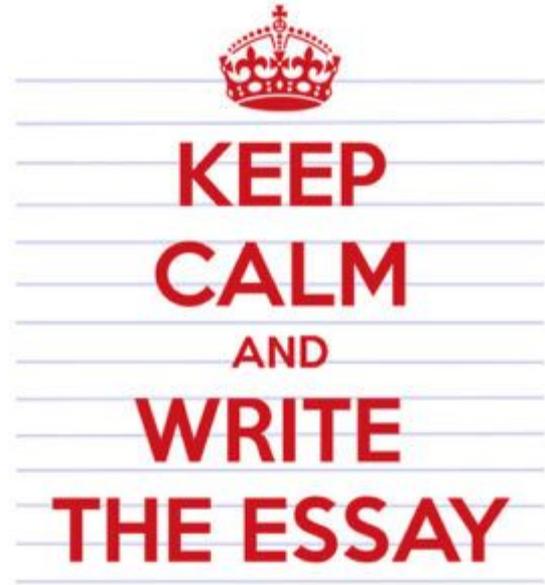


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ESSAY!

Do not wait until the last
minute to write your essay!

Tell admissions about you!
Make it personal!



TIPS FOR APPLYING TO COLLEGE

1. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!
2. Research and visit schools you are interested in
3. Make a list of schools you want to apply for
4. Make a schedule of when applications are due to stay on track
5. If you are struggling reach out to the University they are there to help you!

Tips for writing a college essay:

- First make a list of all the college essays you need to write along with the due dates
- Set up a schedule for when you will complete each essay
- Find a teacher, counselor, or someone you trust to read and edit your papers prior to submitting them.

Tips for writing a college essay:

- Colleges want to know WHO YOU ARE, your essay should display this. Write about something meaningful and important to you
- Get to the POINT - Make your essay strong and to the point. Most college essays are short. Do not try to fluff it.
- Make it interesting- Colleges read thousands of essays everyday it is important to make yours stand out!

Tips for writing a college essay:

- Do not repeat information! They can learn about your awards from your application they do not need to read about it in your essay!
- Make multiple drafts! Your first essay is not going to be your best it will take time to make it perfect. DO NOT RUSH THE PROCESS!

College essay videos to help:

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HOW TO WRITE A WOW ESSAY



College writing essay:

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HOW TO
PROOFREAD
YOUR ESSAY

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resources :

#1 resource is the university you want to attend

-They have a team of people that will be able to assist you with financial aid and any questions about applying

Always check out <https://www.maketheroadnj.org/> if you have additional questions

Financial aid :

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

<https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/Default.aspx>

Resources Cont.

Scholarships:

First check to see the school scholarships that are offered

<https://www.fastweb.com/>

<https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/>

<https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

LGBTQ Resources:

<https://www.campuspride.org/>

Resources Cont.

Another great resource are the adults around you. Guidance, YES Program, teachers and staff. They are here to help you when you need it so ask **QUESTIONS!**