



Finding the Ideal College Match







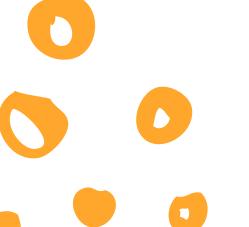
The following pages will take you through a list of questions to help you uncover your priorities when it comes to choosing a college that's just right for you.

Grab a pencil, and get exploring!



# PREFERENCES CHECKLIST:

#### Academics



List your preferences when considering the following questions, and mark the column on the right that indicates how important each of these preferences are to you.

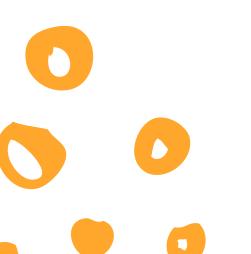
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Academics	Your Choice		
Is there a specific major you have in mind?			
Outside of a specific major, are there other areas of interest you'd like to explore in college?			
What size classes do you prefer?			
Do you prefer very rigorous and challenging coursework, or less intense?			
Are there certain courses you'd want the college to offer?			
Other:			
Other:			

# PREFERENCES CHECKLIST: Location



List your preferences when considering the following questions, and mark the column on the right that indicates how important each of these preferences are to you.

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Academics	Your Choice		
Would you like to live in a large or small city? A rural location? Suburban?			
How close to or far from home would you like to live? Do you prefer an out-of-state or in-state school?			
Do you want to live near the mountains? The ocean?			
Is it important to live near family members? Far away?			
Do you prefer a certain kind of weather over another?			
Other:			
Other:			

### PREFERENCES CHECKLIST:

#### Social Environment

List your preferences when considering the following questions, and mark the column on the right that indicates how important each of these preferences are to you.

Must Have

Academics	Your Choice		
Is it important for a school to have a specific sport available to play?			
Are there clubs or special activities that you'd like to be involved in?			
Is it important for the school to have a music or theater program?			
Do you prefer a college that has a particular "feel" to it, such as religious, liberal, artsy, or academic?			
Do you prefer a college with Greek Life?			
Is it important for the school to have lots of options for a Friday night, weekend or for fun within the community?			
Are volunteer or work opportunities important?			
Other:			

### PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

### School Preferences

List the "Must Have" items from the previous pages below. Then rank them in order of importance to you. Use this list when researching colleges to determine which will be a good fit for you.

#### **MUST HAVE**

Your Preference	Ranking

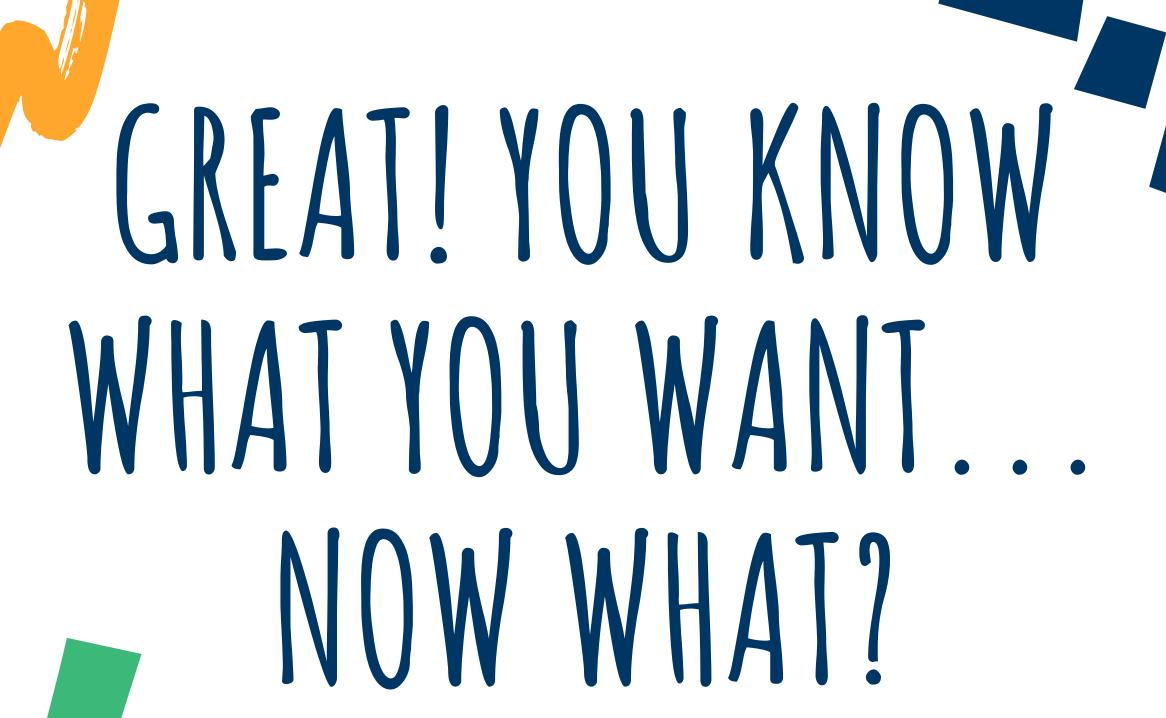
### PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

### School Preferences

List the "Nice to Have" items from the previous pages below. Then rank them in order of importance to you. Use this list when researching colleges to determine which will be a good fit for you.

#### NICE TO HAVE

Your Preference	Ranking



It's time to do some research!

Take another look at your list of schools and see which ones line up with your preferences from above. Write them in the spreadsheet below along with the thing (or things) that excite you the most about that school.

If you don't already have a list, start one now!

# COLLEGES YOU'RE CONSIDERING

	Name of College	What's great about it?
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