

PRIORITIES TO CONSIDER IN THE POSTSECONDARY SEARCH

Use this guide to start thinking about your postsecondary priorities. These are only some examples. You may have additional priorities not listed here, use the “OTHER” space to write those down.

Would you rate each priority below as...?

VERY IMPORTANT TO ME

KIND OF IMPORTANT TO ME

NOT IMPORTANT TO ME

LOCATION

- Distance from home
- Setting (rural, urban, small town)
- Distance from internship opportunities
- Geographic climate

SIZE

- Total student enrollment
- Physical size of campus

ENVIRONMENT

- Type (Trade, 2-yr, 4-yr, military, public, private, gap year)
- Co-ed, male, female
- Religious affiliation
- Community – student & faculty diversity

ACTIVITIES

- Clubs, organizations
- Greek life – sororities, fraternities
- Athletics, intramurals
- Arts, theater

EXPENSES

- Tuition, room & board
- Application fee, deposits
- Estimated total budget

FINANCIAL AID

- % of students receiving aid
- Scholarships available – need-based or merit-based or otherwise

ACADEMICS

- Majors offered

- School's accreditation
- Student-faculty ratio, typical class size
- Student retention / 4-yr graduation rate
- Research options
- Study abroad

HOUSING

- Residence hall environment
- Requirements to live on campus?
- Food plans
- On/off campus options

FACILITIES

- Academic (labs, technology, classrooms)
- Recreational (athletics, student lounge areas)
- Dining halls

CAREER PREPARATION

- Will I be prepared for the career I'm interested in?
- What type of degree will I need for the career I'm interested in? (certificate, associate's bachelor's, master's, beyond...)

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