



## College List Prep Sheet

### Finding my Fit!

What factors are most important to you in a college or university? Some may include:

- Cost/Affordability
- School Size
  - o Small (less than 5,000)
  - o Mid-Size (5,000-15,000)
  - o Large (greater than 15,000)
- Selectivity/Competitiveness
- Type (HBCU, PWI, Private, etc.)
- Majors Offered
- School Location
  - o Urban/suburban/rural
  - o Distance from home
- Services available on campus
- Extracurricular Activities Offered
- Diversity of Student Body

Write down what's important to you in a college/university below:

What's Important to Me?	Explanation of Why

### Finding my Match!

To build a strong list, you should find schools that match your academic profile. It's important to know where you stand - fill in your 'stats' below.

Best SAT Reading/Writing Score:	Best SAT Math Score:	Weighted GPA (5.0 scale):	Unweighted GPA (4.0 scale):

## The List: Reach, Target, and Foundation Schools

## Reach Schools (1-2):

These are the most selective schools on your list (e.g., low percentage of admitted students - less than 30%). Your academic profile is on the lower end of what is accepted or falls slightly below. Even if you fall within the range, the low acceptance rate makes these schools a challenge for any student.

### Target Schools (2-3):

Strongest academic match. Your record will be similar to the average student admitted to these schools. You are likely to be admitted, but it is not a guarantee (e.g., admitted percentage falls between 30% and 60%).

### Foundation Schools (2-3):

Your academic record exceeds the institution's requirements and averages. You are highly likely to be admitted as long as you meet all admission requirements.

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### Optional: Financial Fit

For the schools you've selected above, try to estimate the cost for each. This isn't a perfect process! Use The College Board's [Net Price Calculator](#) to calculate what you might have to pay to attend. *Your family's income will be required to get the best **estimate**.*

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