

My Fit Factors Guide

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| School/ Program Size | <p>Small: Less than 5,000 students Medium sized: 5,000 -10,000 students Large: +10,000 students</p> <p>Large schools/programs: tend to have more resources and more people to connect with but classes might be crowded/you might not receive a lot of individual attention</p> <p>Small schools/program: tend to have more individualized attention and support but potentially less resources/connections</p> | <p><i>Would you like to attend a small, medium size, or large school/program? Why?</i></p> |

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| Diversity | <p>It has been shown that having people who reflect your identity in your program makes it so you are more likely to graduate.</p> <p><u>Identity:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gender ● Race ● Sexual orientation ● Ethnicity ● Religious background ● Geographical background - where you are from ● Socio-economic background (low income, middle class, upper class) <p><u>Types of colleges:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Co-ed gendered colleges - more than one gender ● Same-gendered colleges - single gender college ● Historically Black Colleges - serve a large amount of Black students ● Hispanic Serving Institutions - serves a large amount of Latino students ● Tribal Colleges - associated with a Native American groups ● LGBTQ friendly colleges ● Predominately White Institutions - most students are white ● Religiously affiliated colleges - associated with a religion (for example Christian colleges) | <p><i>What does diversity mean to you? What do you need in order to feel represented within an environment?</i></p> |

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| Academic Fit | <p>Your major is the field you will specialize in such as: English, psychology, engineering and so on.</p> <p>You should also consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The intensity of the coursework/training- The time commitment necessary (2 years or 4 years)- If you are interested in a trade program, consider the certification training necessary | <p><i>What field are you planning to pursue after high school? Why are you interested in this field?</i></p> |

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| Financial Fit | <p>Talk to your family about the amount of financial support available</p> <p>Students that choose to live away from home will have to take into consideration living expenses</p> | <p><i>How much money are you willing to invest in your post-secondary education/training?</i></p> <p><i>Are you comfortable taking out loans?</i></p> |