

# What to ask when visiting Colleges:

College, University, or Technical School:

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Interview: Yes or No? If yes, with whom?

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What is your freshman to senior Graduation rate?

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I want to major in \_\_\_\_\_ does this school have a program that will help me achieve my future goals?

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What is the teacher student ratio in most of this schools classes?

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Do most students stay on campus during the school year or do they go home on the weekends?

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What are the school's most popular Majors?

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What are the School's least popular majors?

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What kind of Study abroad programs does the school have?

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What kind of sports does the school offer?

- Varsity (Division I, II, or III)  \_\_\_\_\_
  - Club sports (Competes against other schools, but teams are usually voluntary
  - Intramural sports (informal competition between dorms or among teams from within the school)
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When visiting the college campus make an appointment to meet with a financial aid counselor from the college's financial aid office.

What is your counselor's name?

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Keep this name so that when calling to ask a question about financial aid you speak to the same person each time.

When meeting with the counselor ask these questions:

1. What is the total estimated cost of the program including books, fees, tuition and housing?

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2. What type of financial aid is available? (Does this institution except the lottery?)

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3. What is the percentage of your student body who receives financial aid?

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4. How do I apply for financial aid? Do you have everything we need here at this office?

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5. Do you have a financial aid deadline?

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6. Are there scholarships available through your college? How can I apply?

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7. Is there a work/study program available at this college?

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8. Which local banks do you work with for student loans?

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9. When will I be notified of my financial aid eligibility?

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10. Will my request for financial aid have any impact on my ability to be admitted to college?

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11. Describe your financial aid program, including requirements for need-based aid, merit-based aid, and scholarships?

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12. Once my financial aid package is awarded, will additional scholarships reduce the amount of financial aid I can receive?

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13. Will your institution meet my full financial need, and will it meet my full financial need for all four years of my attendance?

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14. Are there state financial aid programs that I should know about?

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15. Does this college participate in a tuition payment plan that allows installment payments for each semester's bill?

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16. Where can I find additional sources of financial aid?

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# Questions to ask students who have attended the school:

**How do the students approach academics?**

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**How much studying is there?**

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**How competitive is it?**

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**How many general education requirements do you have to take your first two years?**

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**What do the students think about the professors?** (Who should you take, who shouldn't you take?)

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**What do the students think of the other students?**

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**What are the dorms like?**

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**How's the food? Where do students hang out?**

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**What kinds of computer facilities are available?**

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**Was it easy for the student to meet people?**

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