

Your College Priorities

Different students have different priorities when selecting a college. To help determine what is most important to you, rate each characteristic below on the scale from one to five.

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As you research colleges, pay attention to the characteristics that you rank highly. When it is time to select schools to visit, eliminate schools that don't measure up on factors that are important to you. If other people play a role in your college decision, have them rank their priorities on the chart in a different color of ink.

Write in or check priorities on this side

Availability of a specific major

I am interested in these majors:

Availability of non-traditional programs

I am interested in
evening programs
weekend programs
childcare availability

Academic reputation

My college needs a good academic reputation
locally regionally nationally

Cost of attendance, including financial aid

I do not want to take on any debt
I am willing to take on some debt
for the right school

Setting

small town midsize town large city

Rank (circle) the importance on this side

Not Important Somewhat Important Very Important

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Rank (circle) the importance on this side

	Not Important		Somewhat Important		Very Important
	1	2	3	4	5
School Size large (greater than 10,000 students) medium (5,000–10,000 students) small (fewer than 5,000 students)					
Distance from home close to home (within 1 hour) fairly close to home (within 4 hours) not close to home (more than 4 hours)					
Class size small medium large					
Availability of faculty easily accessible somewhat accessible					
Geographic diversity of student body I want to be part of a student body that is predominantly from Idaho + bordering states from all parts of the US from the US and other countries					
Student organizations I want to be involved in these activities or join these student groups: _____ _____					
Athletics I want to play this sport on a college team: _____ I want to play this sport on an intramural team: _____					
Placement rate into a job in my major field of study graduate or professional school					
Housing I want to commute from my current home to live in an on-campus dormitory family housing a nice apartment close to campus					
Other college attributes I am interested in a women's college religiously affiliated college historically black college military college other					

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