

College Search Worksheet

Hoorah, the end of your journey at Queensborough Community College is approaching! Now is the time to start searching what colleges best fit your career goals. Colleges are as individual as people. Campus environments differ. Each college or university has a distinct personality. The private colleges and universities found in every region of New York State offer you some wonderful choices. Some are urban, others are rural. Some are large, some small but they share a common ground: they all provide quality and excellent value for your investment.

When you begin to consider which college to attend, look carefully at these features:

- Academic Departments.
- Class size.
- Student-to-teacher ratios.
- Faculty.
- Opportunity for activities outside the classroom.
- Teaching that inspires critical thinking.
- For certain academic majors, look for research opportunities, internship programs or study abroad.
- Career placement services.
- Campus setting and campus life.

As you begin to think about college, you should collect information, look at college literature, visit campuses, and research financial aid. Use this worksheet to guide and record your college search process.

1. List 3 subjects that interest you.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
2. Are you interested in a _Cuny _ Suny or _Private University?
3. Now match your answers from Questions 1 and 2 with colleges and list them below.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
 - 6.
 - 7.
 - 8.
4. From your list above, gather information on your college choices by checking out their websites.

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5. Now, note what's important to you.

-Distance from home?

A short commute

A long commute

Do you have to use public transportation

If you drive, will you be able to find parking

6. Campus size?

small (fewer than 2,000 students)

medium (up to 5,000 students)

Large (more than 5,000)

7. Campus location?

Urban

suburban

rural

8. Visit as many colleges and universities as you can to get a sense of the campus atmosphere. Does it feel right? Talk with students who are attending the colleges now or who recently graduated. Begin to shorten the list.

9. Collect admission applications. Many colleges and universities make their applications available for download from their web sites. Admissions applications for many institutions are also accessible for on-line completion.

10. Apply. Watch the deadlines!

11. Suggested websites.

www.cuny.edu www.suny.edu www.fafsa.ed.gov

Good Luck in Your Future Endeavors!