

DETERMINING YOUR PRIORITIES

This questionnaire will help you identify what is most important to you as you think about choosing colleges. Questions are divided into three categories: physical environment, academic environment, and extracurricular and social environment. Answer each question as accurately as you can. For each one, note whether your preference is very important (V), somewhat important (S), or not important (N) to you.

Physical Environment	Your Preference	Importance		
		V	S	N
1. How far from home would you like to live? Close by? Easy or longer drive? Accessible by plane?				
2. Do you prefer a large city, small city or town, suburb, or country environment?				
3. Does weather matter to you? Is there an area of the country where you do not want to live?				
4. What size college do you prefer: small (fewer than 2,500), medium (fewer than 10,000), large (fewer than 20,000), or very large (more than 20,000)?				
5. Do you want to live on or off campus after freshman year?				
Other:				
Other:				

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Academic Environment	Your Preference	Importance		
		V	S	N
1. Do you prefer a liberal arts college or a research university?				
2. Are there specific majors or courses that you want a college to offer?				
3. Do you prefer small classes, large classes, or a mix?				
4. Are you interested in a specific major?				
5. Are there any special curricular features that you want (core curriculum, honors program, and so forth)?				
6. What kind of intellectual environment do you prefer: exceptionally rigorous, mid-range, less intense?				
7. Do you want a "name brand" or prestigious college?				
8. Do you need special support services (e.g., learning disabilities, health issues)?				
Other:				
Other:				

Extracurricular and Social Environment	Your Preference	Importance		
		V	S	N
1. Are there particular extracurricular activities or special facilities that you would like to have available?				
2. Do you want to participate in certain sports at the varsity level? At the club sport or intramural level?				
3. How big a role should athletics play on campus?				
4. How important is having readily available a variety of community service or volunteer opportunities?				
5. Do you want fraternities and sororities to be available and an important part of campus life?				
6. How diverse a campus do you want? What kinds of diversity are you seeking?				
7. Do you want a campus with a special focus such as religious affiliation or women only? Are you open to considering them even if you are not actively seeking such a focus?				
8. Do you seek a particular kind of atmosphere: artsy, politically active, cohesive community, other?				
Other:				
Other:				

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Miscellaneous	Their Preference	Importance		
		V	S	N
1. Do your parents have any requirements?				
Other:				
Other:				

List the preferences you have identified as very important or somewhat important in the spaces provided next. Then rank them in order of importance to you within each group. This list will guide you in identifying colleges before you apply and will help you make a final decision once you receive your acceptances.

Priorities Summary

The following preferences are very important to me:

The following preferences are somewhat important to me:
