Compare colleges based on the characteristics that are most important to you. The scorecard helps you evaluate up to three schools side-by-side.

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| Rating System |
| **★ Important** |  | **Not as important** |
| 4 | This college is a perfect match. | 3 |
| 2 | This college kind of meets my criteria. | 2 |
| 0 | This college doesn’t have what I want. | 1 |

**STEP 1:** Take the “What’s my ideal college?” survey in the first column. Put a star in the second column next to the criteria that are most important to you.

**STEP 2:** Rate colleges that you visit in person or on a virtual tour based on how well they fit your criteria (see rating system to the right).

**STEP 3:** Total up the scores to see what college might be a great fit for you!

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| What’s my ideal college? |  | College #1 | College #2 | College #3 |
| *Circle the answer or answers that best apply to you.* | ★ |  |  |  |
| I want a college that is located:a. Close to homeb. As far away as possiblec. Somewhere in between so I can easily get back for weekends or holidays |  |   |   |  |
| I prefer a campus size that is:a. Small (under 5,000 students)b. Medium (5,000-15,000 students)c. Large (15,000+ students) |  |   |   |  |
| I want the college to be in the:a. Cityb. Suburbsc. Country |  |   |   |  |
| I want to be able to live:a. On campus, in a dorm or apartmentb. Off campus, in an apartment or housec. At home |  |   |   |  |
| I would prefer a college that is:a. Private (not a public or state school)b. Single-sex (only male, only female)c. Religiously affiliatedd. Known for serving BIPOC students *(e.g. Tribal Colleges, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions)*e. None of these are important to me |  |   |   |  |
| What’s my ideal college? |  | College #1 | College #2 | College #3 |
| *Circle the answer or answers that best apply to you.* | ★ |  |  |  |
| I want to complete my degree in:a. 2 years or less (A.A.)b. 4 years (B.A., B.S.)c. More than 4 years (Masters, Doctorate and Professional) |  |   |   |  |
| My ideal college offers degrees in:a. Art and Designb. Sciences and Engineeringc. Health fieldsd. Teaching and Counselinge. Business or Lawf. Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |  |   |   |  |
| I want to be able to participate in:a. Sports *(Intramural, Division I, Division II or Division III)*b. Student governmentc. Community serviced. Greek life *(sororities and fraternities)*e. Other clubs and activities:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |   |   |  |
| I want to be able to use student services like:a. Tutoring/academic supportb. Counseling and health servicesc. Study abroadd. Recreational sports and/or a student gyme. Disability accessf. Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |   |   |  |
| I want a college that offers financial aid including:a. Scholarshipsb. Grantsc. Loansd. Work-study programse. This isn’t important to me. |  |   |   |  |
| I want a college where students receive an average of \_\_\_\_% of their financial need through financial aid. (Use the [CollegeBoard](http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/index.jsp) search.)a. 75—100%b. 50—74%c. 25—49%d. Less than 25% |  |   |   |  |
| Total |   |   |  |