

## Criteria to Consider



*Depending on your personal interests, the following characteristics should play a role in helping you narrow down the field of colleges. Use this criteria to help you narrow down a list of schools you want to visit at the College and Career Fair, as well as questions to ask the recruiters. Determine what is important to you, and plan ahead in order to make the most of the event.*

### **Affiliation**

- Public
- Private, independent
- Private, church affiliated
- Proprietary

### **Size**

- Very small (fewer than 1,000 students)
- Small (1,000-3,999 students)
- Medium (4,000-8,999 students)
- Large (9,000-19,999 students)
- Very large (more than 20,000 students)

### **Community**

- Rural
- Small town
- Suburban
- Urban

### **Location**

- In your hometown
- Less than 3 hours from home
- More than 3 hours from home

### **Housing**

- Dorm
- Off-campus apartment
- Home
- Facilities and services for students with disabilities

### **Student Body**

- All male
- All female
- Coed

### **Minority representation**

- Primarily one religious denomination
- Primarily full-time students
- Primarily part-time students
- Primarily commuter students
- Primarily residential students

### **Academic Environment**

- Majors offered
- Student-faculty ratio
- Faculty teaching reputation
- Instruction by professors versus teaching assistants
- Facilities (such as classrooms and labs)
- Libraries
- Independent study available
- International study available
- Internships available

### **Financial Aid**

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Loans
- Work-study program
- Part-time or full-time jobs

### **Support Services**

- Academic counseling
- Career/placement counseling
- Personal counseling
- Student health facilities

### **Activities/Social Clubs**

- Clubs, organizations
- Greek life
- Athletics, intramurals
- Other

### **Athletics**

- Division I, II, or III
- Sports offered
- Scholarships available

### **Specialized Programs**

- Honors programs
- Services for students with disabilities or special needs