CHOOSING A FOUR YEAR SCHOOL

Consider the following information as you prepare to visit and research your college options.

1. Admissions Requirements:
   a. Transcripts including class rank and G.P.A from school and/or college.
   b. Test score minimums and type of test required i.e., ACT, SAT.
   c. Policy on CLEP, advanced placement, proficiency tests?
   d. Specific subject preparation in high school.
   e. Application deadlines.
   f. How many credits needed to be considered a transfer student?
   g. How many credit hours can you transfer from a community college?
   h. Can a “D” be transferred- in major area, out of major area?
   i. Grade point average requirements.

2. Course of Study:
   a. Does the college have a major in your area of interest?
   b. Under what department is the major? Emphasis will vary.
   c. How many courses are offered in your department of interest? Are they available every year, every semester? Some schools alternate.
   d. What are the school’s general education requirements, graduation requirements for your major? How difficult would it be to change majors? When must you declare your major?

3. Special Studies;
   a. Study Abroad.
   b. R.O.T.C.
   c. Co-op or internships. At CLC, Co-op is EWE (Educational Work Experience)

4. General:
   a. Is the college, public or private, for-profit or non-profit? Is it accredited?
   b. Calendar plan (semester, quarter system).
   c. Counseling: personal, academic, career? Job placement available?
   d. Residence hall hours, open visitation?
   e. Orientation program or transfer day?
   f. Availability of clubs and sports.
   g. Tutoring, mentoring, workshops for study skills, leadership etc.?
   h. Transportation to and from campus (railroads, buses, airlines) cost?
   i. Are student’s cars permitted?

5. Tuition and Fees:
   a. Tuition and fees vary enormously.
   b. Community colleges are least expensive; public universities are next, and private schools are the most expensive, but often offer more financial aid.

6. Financial Aid:
   a. Fill out Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) every year. Find out if additional application required.
   b. Are there scholarships? How are they awarded?
   c. Availability of part-time jobs or work study programs.

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