



## COLLEGE EXPLORATION WORKSHEET

College \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Student Population of College:      less than 5,000      5,000-20,000      greater than 20,000

Type of College: Public      Private Religious      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

20-21 Admission rate % \_\_\_\_\_ Returning 2nd Year Students % \_\_\_\_\_

Your overall GPA \_\_\_\_\_ College Average/Middle 50% GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Middle 50% SAT score range \_\_\_\_\_ Middle 50% ACT score range \_\_\_\_\_

Test Optional for 21-22? YES NO

Percent of financial need met \_\_\_\_\_ Percent that is scholarships and grants \_\_\_\_\_

This school is: Aspirational Target Safety

### Demonstrated Interest:

- Did you join the admissions mailing list? YES NO
- Did you Like/Follow the admissions social media? YES NO
- Have you visited the college? YES NO

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

### Admissions Counselor - Regional Representative Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC: When it comes to the quality of education, does the College...**

- Offer the top three majors I could potentially study?
  - Have the types of classes I'd like to take, are interesting to me, and will prepare me for a career?
  - Allows flexibility if I change my mind about my major? What are the steps to changing majors?
  - Offer my desired student-to-teacher ratio?
  - Provide suitable academic accommodations so that I can feel confident and challenged?
  - Have a schedule and grading system that fits the pace at which I learn?
  - Promote opportunities for study abroad or international study if this is an experience that is interesting to me?
  - Encourage professors to work with undergraduate students on independent study projects?
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**ENVIRONMENT: When it comes to the physical and social environment, is the College...**

- A comfortable distance (for me) from home?
  - Providing a range of activities that I am interested in joining and align with how I like to have fun?
  - In a climate where I'd be happy?
  - Promoting values and systems that I agree with?
  - Attracting the type of students I'd like to be around?
  - Clear about its COVID-19 policies?
  - Giving new students a range of on-campus living options that I'm excited about?
  - Keeping students safe (mainly if located in a high-crime area)?
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**FINANCIAL: When it comes to money is the College....**

- Affordable for my family?
- Offer a tremendous overall return on investment?

- Have positive economic outcomes for students who've graduated?
  - Transparent about total costs, award offers, and opportunities for endowed scholarships?
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**VOCATIONAL: When it comes to preparing for my career, does the College....**

- Offer internships, fellowships, or coop programs to earn money and gain work experience?
  - Have a well-resourced career services department with connections to employers in my desired major?
  - Maintain and engage with an alumni network who value giving back to undergraduate students?
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**AND BIG THREE Questions:**

**1. Is there a good chance I will be admitted?**

- 2020-2021 acceptance rate?
- Do my SAT/ACT scores fit with the prior year median 50%?
- Do my grades fit with the prior year median 50%?
- Are they looking for students with my profile?

**2. Is there a likelihood that I'll get a great financial aid package?**

- How much merit do they give for families with resources like ours?
- Are there a lot of endowed scholarships I can apply for?
- Do all admitted students receive financial aid or only the top students? Or students from the state if public?

**3. Is it likely that I'll stay at the school, graduate, and get a job afterward?**

- Do most students return a second and third year?
- Do most students graduate within 4 years?
- Do most students graduate with a plan after, such as a job or graduate school?
- Does the college show a positive return on investment according to sites like Forbes or Payscale.com?