

Questions to Ask at a College Fair

When attending a college fair, it's important to gather the information that will help you evaluate your college options. Be sure to ask the college representatives the following types of questions:

Admissions Questions

- What type of high school background is generally required for your school?
- What is the average GPA of entering freshmen?
- Are there different admissions requirements for specific colleges or programs?
- Does your college award credit for Advanced Placement (AP), College in the Schools (CIS) or International Baccalaureate (IB) or Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)?
- What are the housing options/requirements and parking rules?
- What types of extracurricular activities are available?
- Does your college offer study abroad options?
- Does your college provide access to internship options?
- Does your college provide academic services such as tutoring or career counseling?
- Does your college have job placement services?
- What are the characteristics of your student body (age, gender, race/ethnicity, etc.)?
- What percentage of first-year students return the following year?
- What percentage of graduates are employed within one year?
- How do I apply and which forms do I fill out?
- What are the admissions deadlines?
- Will my family's ability to pay for college be a factor in the admissions process?
- Can credits be earned online or transferred from other colleges?
- How safe is your campus?
- Which association has given your college accreditation?
- How do I arrange a campus visit?

Financial Aid Questions

- How much does it cost to attend your college (including tuition, room and board, fees, etc.)?
- What financial aid options are available?
- Does the school participate in federal and state aid programs? (Not all schools are eligible.)
- What percentage of undergraduates receive aid? How much do they receive on average?
- Which financial aid forms do I need to fill out and what are the deadlines?
- Does the college offer scholarships? Who is most likely to receive them? How do I apply?
- Will private/non-government scholarships reduce the amount of need-based aid I receive?