

Schedule your campus visits

Start visits in the spring of your junior year and continue them in the fall of your senior year. Follow these tips:

- Ask if your high school is coordinating group campus visits.
- Contact the admissions office at least two weeks in advance to schedule an individual tour.
- Visit while school is in session. You won't get the true flavor during school breaks or finals week.
- Meet with an admissions representative, financial aid counselor, and a faculty member in an area of study that interests you.

Be prepared with questions to ask:

- What is the cost of tuition and fees – and room and board?
- How many students attend the school?
- What are the housing options?
- What is the admission application deadline?
- How do I apply for college-based scholarships?
- What is the priority date for applying for financial aid?
- If you visit a community college, ask about their academic transfer program.

Print or view additional campus-visit questions at EducationQuest.org/college-questions.



Stay on track

Once you've visited a college, you'll feel the excitement start to build!

Stay on track by preparing for college admission and the financial aid process. You'll find free resources at EducationQuest.org or the EducationQuest location nearest you.



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College

is quickly approaching

Your head is probably swirling with questions!

Which college should I attend?

What should I major in?

How can I afford college?

Take a deep breath and consider that there is one important thing you can do to find answers to your questions...visit the colleges that interest you!

Before you schedule campus visits, determine which colleges are the best fit for you. To get started, learn about the types of colleges and their degrees.

Universities and Colleges (four-year institutions) offer bachelor degrees in a variety of majors. Many also offer advanced degrees such as masters and doctorates.

Community Colleges (two-year institutions) offer certificates, diplomas and associate degrees in a variety of programs. Courses taken in an Academic Transfer Program will transfer to most four-year colleges.

Answer

these questions

What do you want to study?

If you know what areas interest you, research schools that offer programs in those areas. If you don't know what to study, ask your counselor about career assessment tools at your school. Keep in mind that many students begin college with an undeclared major - and some pursue academic transfer programs at community colleges.

What kind of school do you want to attend?

Do you prefer a large university or a small college? Are you interested in a community college? What kind of student/teacher ratio do you want?

What will college cost?

Consider the overall cost: tuition, room and board, books, transportation and personal expenses. Don't rule out a school because of costs until you know the amount of financial aid you will receive.

Where do you want to go to college?

Do you want to live close to home and commute? Do you want to be in a major city or a small town?

Research

colleges that interest you



Take these steps to find the right fit for college:

- Review *College Profiles* at EducationQuest.org for details about colleges in Nebraska and nationwide.
- Attend a College Fair or college planning program in your area.
- Talk to college representatives who visit your school.
- Review college websites and take a virtual tour.
- Seek advice from your guidance counselor or someone you know who has been to college.

Based on your research, narrow your choices to three or four colleges and schedule campus visits at each school.