

GETTING STARTED

Goals:

1. Think about your goals and aspirations
2. Identify why you want to attend college
3. Consider different qualities you need in a college to be successful: You get to make the shopping list!
4. Research colleges that fit your needs

Questions:

- What do I like thinking about?
- What problems do I want to solve in the future?
- What are my goals and hopes?
- What careers and jobs sound interesting?
- What do I hope to get out of college?
- What concerns me about attending college?
- Does my dream job require a specific degree, education path or training? *Note: Studies show that you will likely work in 2 to 3 careers that DON'T EXIST YET, so be flexible here.*
- How could my income and earning power be impacted with a college degree?
- How do I learn best? Describe a class or learning situation you enjoyed.
- How near or far from home do I want to be?
- Do I prefer hands-on learning, or do I prefer classroom learning?
- What kind of support – educationally, emotionally, socially – do I need to thrive?
- Do I like to have close relationships with my teachers?
- What do I want to do outside the classroom?
- Do I prefer a rural, suburban, or urban setting?
- Do I have strong feelings about weather?

Resources:

Yourself
Family
Friends
Teachers
Counselor
Mentors
College websites
College student newspapers (found online)
Fiske Guide to Colleges
bigfuture.collegeboard.org
unigo.com
princetonreview.com/quiz/career-quiz
shmoop.com/career-test/
usnews.com/news/articles/2014/02/11/study-income-gap-between-young-college-and-high-school-grads-widen