6 Steps to Choosing the Right College or University

Step 1
Think about why you want to go to college/university.
- Preparation for a career?
- Personal goals?
- Opportunity to meet new people?

Step 2
Decide what is important to you in a college/university
- Type of school
- Academic programs and degrees that the school offers
- Reputation
- Cost
- Financial Aid
- Size and Location

Step 3
Get information about schools you are considering.
- College websites, bulletins, catalogs
- High School counselors and teachers
- Internet sources and directories

Step 4
Research and compare schools.
- TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CAMPUS VISITS.
- Compare pros and cons of each school.
- Attend college fairs in your area.
- Compare total costs.

Step 5
Make your decision.
- Pay a final visit to your top 2 choices.
- Talk with your parents and counselor.
- Select a school that meets your needs.

Step 6
Watch your deadlines and other final details!
- Admission deadlines
- Housing deadlines
- Any additional institutional fees
- Financial Aid forms