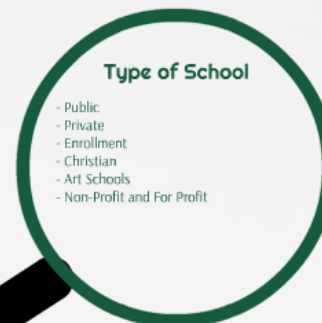


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Location

- In State/Out-of-State
- Distance from home
- Urban/Suburban/Rural
- Housing
- Local economy

Type of School

- Public
- Private
- Enrollment
- Christian
- Art Schools
- Non-Profit and For Profit

Pre-College Opportunities

- CLEP
- AP
- Dual Credit
- Online Courses

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- Honors Colleges
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The more specific you are about your major, the more you can take advantage of it. This is especially true if you attend a college where the major is either unique or in a field that is highly valued by employers. It can also help you find a job more easily after graduation.

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- If you attend a college where the major is either new or not as popular, you may be able to earn some money to pursue that major.
- Academic Common Market

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Having The Proper Perspective

- Remove bias
- Be careful who you listen to
- It takes time to do the research
- Ask the admission/financial aid offices tough questions
- Home equity

Patience

- Let the money come to you
- You do not have to make a decision right away
- Get past the emotion

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