

# College Assessment Questions

## The Basics

1. Where is the college? Can you locate it on a map? Is it too close to home? Is it too far? Is it too hot or cold there?
2. Have you taken the course work the college requires for admission?
3. What size is the college? How many students are undergraduates?
4. What is the college's selectivity ratio (what proportion of applicants were admitted last year?)
5. Does the college offer majors that interest you?
6. Is the college coed or single sex?
7. What percentage of students live off campus?
8. How many of the students graduate in four years? Five years? Six years?
9. How many first-year students return for their sophomore year?
10. How much does the program cost? What is the total per year expense?
11. What type of financial aid is available?

## Where would you fit in?

1. What are the admission test scores at the colleges that interest you? Where does that place you?
2. What were the high schools GPAs of most of the freshmen last year?
3. Are freshmen guaranteed on-campus housing? If not, where do they live?
4. Are there extracurricular activities that interest you?
5. What are their strong academic program? (Ask a college representative, students, graduates, and teachers)
6. What courses are required for graduation?
7. Are the courses you need/want available each semester? At convenient times?
8. Are there special programs that interest you? (Study abroad, internships, etc)
9. What is the social life like? What percentage of students join fraternities or sororities?
10. Do the pictures and language the college uses to describe itself attract you?
11. What is your general impression of the college?
12. Is the school accredited?
13. If professional certification is required for employment in the field that interest you, how many students enrolled in the school's program pass the certification exam?

## Admission Process

1. When are applications due?
2. Does the college accept the Common Application? If so, does it require supplemental forms?
3. What does the application contain? Are essays required?
4. Is an interview suggested or required? Is an interview available from staff or alumni?
5. When may you visit the college? What is its policy regarding campus visits?

6. What are the financial aid deadlines? What financial aid forms are required?

**Now Answer These Questions**

1. Am I a strong candidate for admission to this college?
2. If I am not a strong candidate, what are my chances?
3. Do I want to visit this college?
4. What additional information do I need?