"Find the Perfect College" Parent Resource List

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Step One: Finding a College to Visit

Go to College Fairs: National College Fairs: <u>www.nacacnet.org</u> National Christian College Fairs: <u>http://nccf.us/</u> Bring your children, take a class, ask questions, give them your address Search through testing: PSAT, ACT, and SAT Complete online searches The College Board website: <u>www.collegeboard.com</u> U-CAN website: <u>http://www.ucan-network.org</u> Princeton Review Counselor-O-Matic: www.princetonreview.com

Step Two: Comparing College Statistics

Compare using information from college Compare using books and magazines Compare statistics using these "phone books" <u>Ultimate College Guide</u> by US News & World Report <u>Profiles of American Colleges</u> by Barron's <u>4-Year Colleges</u> by Peterson's

Step Three: Visiting Colleges

Make an appointment for an official visit Meet with admissions, take a tour, sit in on a class, eat the food Tips for visits: <u>www.collegeboard.com/student/csearch/college-visits</u> Use all your senses: look, hear, taste, touch, smell, feel, and gut instinct

Step Four: Applying to College

Admission process is very long

Long forms, detailed essays, letters of recommendation, test scores, transcripts Reduce, reuse and recycle college application essays

Help for college application essays

Online: <u>www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/essay-skills</u> Book: <u>The College Application Essay</u> by The College Board

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