

Every Story Needs a Main Character



YOU!



Ask yourself, What do you want?



What are your must haves in college?
What are your must avoids?



It's a fun process!

Common Admission Factors

Location

Size




Major/Program of Study

Cost of Attendance

Student Experience

Student Services

Public vs. Private vs. Community Colleges in Washington

Private	Public	Community Colleges
Small Campus	Larger Campuses	Varying Sizes
Generous Financial Aid, Higher Sticker Price	Lower sticker price, not as much aid to give out	Affordable and Flexible
Living on campus, more community focused	Opportunity Focused – Research	Trade Programs, Technical degrees
		

Common Search Pitfalls



I want to go there because my (mom, dad, brother, ect.) went there

I won't apply because I have no shot of getting in

Community colleges are less than a traditional four-year university

My friend and I are going to the same college, we will room together, and we need each other

I could never afford this college

Where do I get started?

Admissions Events – Tours, Preview Days

Admissions Visits – College Fairs, High School Visits

Talk 1:1 – Admissions Counselors, Current Students, HS Staff

Research – College Profiles, College Matching Services

Google

Ask the RIGHT questions

What is your most popular major?

What is special about your campus?

What GPA do you need to get in?

What are you studying?

Can you tell me more about your Biology Program?

What do students do outside of the classroom on your campus?

What academic factors do you look for in students?

How did you choose which college to go to?

What comes next?

Start with you	Develop your list of needs/wants
Discover	Start your research
Assess your needs	Write out your questions
Don't just look, ask	Visit campus
They are here to help	Talk to admissions



Quick Tips – Admissions



Keep track of deadlines



Start your written materials
EARLY



Visit or plan to visit the schools
you are applying to



Fill out your FASFA



Talk to admissions for your
questions



Last Advice

- There are truly no BAD colleges, just bad fits
- This process should be FUN
- Everyone is in your corner

Q&A

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