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Value-Driven Student's Guide to College Search



Find a college that fits your financial needs and career aspirations

As a value-driven student, you're interested in an affordable way to receive your college education while gaining the knowledge and skills to secure a job after graduation. You would like to avoid working multiple jobs while earning your bachelor's degree, so you want to take advantage of every financial aid opportunity available to you. Finding a program that will earn you a respectable salary after graduation is important to you, too, so you may already have a career path in mind.

WHAT YOU SHOULD LOOK FOR IN A COLLEGE:



MEANINGFUL PROGRAMS:

You want a degree with a clear career path — a program that will catapult you to success. Note: A college might offer a major that interests you, but it could be padded with general education credits or irrelevant courses. Find programs that have a high number of classes in your major and experiential learning opportunities, helping you get the most out of your investment.



FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES:

You're early in the search process, but it is important to understand early on how financial aid could affect your decision. Since you're not looking to work multiple jobs, you should look at colleges that offer Federal Work-Study opportunities. Additionally, find colleges that offer merit, talent, or athletic scholarships if applicable.

PRO-TIP Before you choose the college that offers you the most financial aid, consider its "sticker price" or cost of tuition. If tuition is high, your bottom-line cost could be more, even with big scholarships.



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES:

You're making an important investment and want to make sure it is worthwhile. Look for colleges that have support services that can help you academically, socially, and financially so you get the most out of your college experience. For example, Saint Rose has the "Circle of Success," a network of five people invested in your success.



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OUTCOMES:

Make sure you're making a sound investment! Look for colleges with a strong alumni network and successful outcomes.



OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER:

Location: Do you want to stay close to home or go somewhere out of state?

Affordability: The Net Price Calculator can estimate how much financial aid you'll receive.

Academics: Are there any industries that interest you? Do any majors stand out?

Livability: Is the campus the right size? Do you like the surrounding community?

HOW YOU SHOULD SEARCH FOR A COLLEGE:

INVOLVE YOUR FAMILY:

Talking about money with your family can be awkward, but it is important to include your parents or guardians in the college investment conversation. Find out how they can help support you so that you can get a realistic outlook on how to finance your college education.

CHECK OUT OUTCOMES:

Research their alumni network and see if some stories or outcomes excite you! Not to brag, but Saint Rose's most famous alum is the host of "The Tonight Show" (that's right, we're talking about Jimmy Fallon).

CRUNCH SOME NUMBERS:

Get an early read on your financial aid award by using the Net Price Calculator (NPC). Any higher education institution that delivers federal financial aid will have an NPC. This tool is not 100% accurate — it's only as good as the information you provide, but it will give you an idea of what you might qualify for.

GET A HEAD START:

If you can, take AP, IB, or even some college classes in high school so you can transfer in college credits. That way you can focus on major credits while in college, and get even closer to your career goals.

OTHER COLLEGE SEARCH TIPS:



MEET WITH YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR:

They know you best and can help you with the admissions process from start to finish.



RESEARCH ONLINE:

See if your school has a subscription to online search and match databases.



CHECK YOUR MAIL:

You'll get a ton of mail from colleges — keep only the content that interests you!



VISIT CAMPUSES:

This will help you narrow down the colleges that interest you the most.

SAINT ROSE STATS:



98% of undergraduate students receive financial aid



44,000+ alumni across the globe



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COVID-19 DISCLAIMER:

The COVID-19 pandemic might limit visit opportunities and other aspects of the college search process. Despite these challenges, many colleges have made adjustments, and you should still be able to have a rewarding search experience. For example, Saint Rose now offers virtual visit opportunities. Learn more at www.strose.edu/visit.

Do you have any questions?

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