

College Planning Worksheet

❖ Academic Preparation

Current GPA _____ Class Rank _____

Level of courses in high school?

Standard _____ Demanding _____ Very Demanding _____

How many years at the high school level of the five core subjects will you have taken by graduation (in grades 8-12)?

English _____

Social Studies _____

Math _____

Science _____

Foreign Language _____

Standardized Test Results:

PSAT: Critical Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____

SAT: Critical Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____

ACT: Composite _____ Writing _____

❖ Interests & Aptitudes

1. Are there any majors or academic interests you would like to pursue in college?

2. What high school courses are most interesting to you? Why?

3. What courses do you find most challenging? Why?

❖ **Extracurricular Contributions**

1. What are the five most important non-academic activities, skills or accomplishments that you would like a college of interest to know about?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

2. What are some talents or skills that set you apart from your peers?

2. List any sports that you have played throughout high school. Include positions, awards, honors, etc.:

4. List any volunteer and community service related activities:

5. List any job(s) you have held since entering high school:

❖ **Special Considerations**

1. Are you a legacy? If so, who and where?

2. Are there any special circumstances in your life, past or present, that you feel a college should know about?

❖ College Characteristics by level of importance

A. Location	Totally Important	Kind of Important	Not Really Important	Not Sure
Close enough to commute				
Within 3 hours of home				
In state				
As far away from home as possible				
In a large city, urban area				
Just outside of a city				
Within 45 minutes of a city, suburbs				
Out in the country, rural				
Near a particular area ie: the beach, skiing, etc...				
B. Size				
Small - Undergrad enrollment under 1,500				
Medium - Undergrad enrollment at 1,500-6,000				
Large - Undergrad enrollment at 6,000-12,000				
Very Large - Undergrad enrollment at 12,000+				
Most classes with under 25 students				
Most classes with under 50 students				
Most classes with over 50 students				
All classes taught by professors				
Some classes taught by graduate students				
Many majors to choose from				
Close faculty-student relations				
C. Type				
Public college/university				
Private college/university				
Church related to college				
Historically black college				
Strong major				
Single sex college				
Military Academy				
Two year college				
Four year college				
D. Atmosphere				
Very diverse (geographic, social and/or ethnic)				
Sense of school pride				
Conservative or traditional values				
Liberal values				
Emphasis on pre-professional majors				
Strong liberal arts curriculum				
Active Greek life				
Active social activities on campus				
Emphasis on academic rigor				
Popular and competitive sports				
Emphasis on community service and volunteerism				
School with prestige and name recognition				
Attractive campus				

Diverse student population				
Student population similar to myself				
Desirable campus housing				
Housing options: suites, townhouses, freshman dorms, etc.				
E. Opportunities				
Internships				
Undergraduate research				
Study abroad opportunities				
Career planning and/or placement programs				
Graduate/professional advising				