

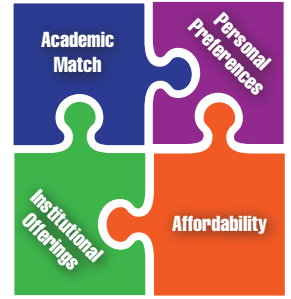
Shuffle, Sort and Stack:

Find Your Fit Activity

Each card contains a characteristic that you might consider when choosing a college.

Fold and separate the following cards along the perforation lines.

Read the characteristic on each card and place each card into one of three piles, indicating how much you care about the colleges you apply to having the characteristic printed on the card.



You may use the circles on the next sheet to form your piles.

After you are done sorting the cards, turn them over and count how many you have from the following categories in each pile. Record the number in the table below.

	Definitely Want	Don't Care	Definitely Do NOT Want
Academic Match			
Personal Preferences			
Institutional Offerings			
Affordability			



**Definitely
Want**

PLACE CARDS HERE

**Don't
Care**

PLACE CARDS HERE

**Definitely
Do NOT
Want**

PLACE CARDS HERE

**Academic
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My academic profile (SAT/ACT/GPA) is similar to that of the freshman class.

Is a selective college where most students that apply do not get in

More than half of students graduate in 4 years

The majority of students return after freshman year

Courses are likely to be challenging

Has the major I currently want to pursue

It is easy to transfer to another college

Many students took AP or Honors courses in high school

**Personal
Preferences**

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Most students do not live on campus

Sports and/or fraternities/sororities are a big deal

Is a single-gender school (i.e., a women's college)

Has a Student Support Services program

Is close to home

Is a minority serving institution [i.e., a Historically Black College or University (HBCU), Hispanic-Serving Institution or a Tribally Controlled College or University]

Is in an urban location

Has a large proportion of minority students

Institutional Offerings

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**Buildings are new and
technologically up-to-date**

**Freshmen take a “Succeeding
in College” course**

**Tutoring is widely available
and easy to access**

**New students get a
peer mentor**

Has small classes

**Has a wide variety of
course offerings**

**Has a free writing lab with
convenient hours**

Has a strong alumni network

Affordability

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I would qualify for merit-based aid

Students graduate with lower than average debt

Most students have Pell grants

The posted sticker price on the website seems affordable

Most students receive financial aid

Many students receive grants or scholarships from the college

Work-study job opportunities are easily found

It is easy to apply for financial aid