

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. What different financial aid packages does the school offer? Remember to factor in costs such as transportation home, long distance calls, etc.
2. Is the program you're interested in offered?
3. How many graduates find jobs in their field of study?
4. How does the school help graduates find jobs?
5. How easy is it to get the courses you want at the times that are convenient for you?
6. How much does housing cost, and is finding off-campus housing difficult?
7. What is the quality of academic resources (library, research facilities, computer labs, etc.)? Are they up to date and accessible?
8. What is the retention rate (how many students come back after their freshman year)?
9. What student organizations are on campus?
10. What sorts of career planning or job placement services are available?

OTHER TALKING POINTS:

- *Are there tutoring services available?
- *How easy is it to switch majors?
- *Does the school accept AP credits? If so, what is the minimum score?
- *What are the opportunities for employment on or near campus?
- *What kinds of food plans does the school offer?
- *Does the school have health facilities on campus?
- *Are the school's philosophy and goals of education compatible with mine?
- *Is there a religious affiliation?
- *Do I want a serene rural campus, or do I like the fast paced city life?
- *Is a coed student body important to me?
- *Am I looking for a campus with a diverse student population?
- *Is my family able to pay the generally higher tuition of a private college, or does a public college sound more feasible?
- *Would I be willing to work part-time or take loans to pay for my education?