

## MY IDEAL COLLEGE

To complete your analysis, please print this sheet and complete it as honestly as possible. When you are finished, go back to the Selecting a College page and complete the next exercise.

## MY PERSONAL BACKGROUND

### Academic Background

My GPA \_\_\_\_\_

My class rank \_\_\_\_\_

My ACT score \_\_\_\_\_

My SAT score \_\_\_\_\_

My junior year classes \_\_\_\_\_  
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My senior year classes \_\_\_\_\_  
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### My Academic Honors

Briefly describe any scholastic distinctions or honors you have won beginning with the ninth grade.

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### Extracurricular and Personal Activities

Please list your principal extracurricular, community and family activities and hobbies in the order of their interest to you. Include specific events and/or major accomplishments such as a musical instrument played, varsity letter earned, etc. Place a check in the right column next to those activities you hope to pursue in college.

Activity	Pursue in College?

**Work Experience**

List any job (including summer employment) you have held during the past three years.

Job Title/Duties	Employer	Hrs/Week

**NARROWING MY CHOICES**

**Location**

I would like to attend school in a

- a. warm climate
- b. cold climate

I would like to go to college in

- a. the Metropolitan Detroit area
- b. Michigan
- c. the Midwest (not Michigan)
- d. the East
- e. the Midwest
- f. the South
- g. the Southwest
- h. the West
- i. the North

While in college, I would prefer to live in

- a. a metropolitan area
- b. a large city
- c. the suburbs
- d. a small town
- e. a rural area

**College Environment - General Information**

What type of college/university would you like to attend?

- a. single sex
- b. coeducational

Would you like to attend a

- a. private college/university
- b. public college/university
- c. no preference

Would you like to attend a

- a. two year college
- b. four year college/university

What size of undergraduate student body would you prefer?

- a. less than 1,000 students
- b. between 1,000 and 3,000 students
- c. between 3,000 and 5,000 students
- d. between 5,000 and 10,000 students
- e. between 10,000 and 20,000 students
- f. more than 20,000 students

### **Campus Life**

What type of living arrangements do you prefer?

- a. residence halls
  - 1. choice of roommates
  - 2. meal plan options
  - 3. variety in buildings (wellness floor; drug-free hall, etc)
- b. sorority house or fraternity house
- c. off-campus housing/apartment
- d. live at home
- e. single parent/married housing
- f. other \_\_\_\_\_

What type of campus activities would you like?

- a. a wide variety of extracurricular activities
- b. a gym or sports facility
- c. a health center
- d. a large athletic program: \*varsity \*intramural sports
- e. a lively social life
  - 1. special events/lecturers and/or speakers
  - 2. social clubs/organizations
- f. academic clubs/organizations
- g. support services
  - 1. tutoring
  - 2. counseling
- h. a strong focus on religion
- i. other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Academic Environment

What would you like your average class size to be?

- a. less than 20 students per class
- b. 20 - 30 students per class
- c. 30 - 50 students per class
- d. 50 - 100 students per class
- e. 100+ students per class

Make a list of the areas of study or the possible subjects in which you may concentrate your major

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Now that you have completed this exercise, it's time to find a college/university that meets your personal needs, has the major that you want, and that can provide the type of collegiate experience you are looking for. Take the time to complete the "My College Comparison Worksheet". This worksheet, when complete, will help you analyze individual colleges to determine if they will provide the type of collegiate experience you are looking for as well as meet your needs and your educational goals.