

College Fair Checklist

Before You Go

- ❑ Find out which colleges will be at the fair (a list will be available as the event nears) and write down the names of the ones you want to learn about.
- ❑ Make a list of any questions you have.
- ❑ Bring your list, a pen, paper and a bag to hold college brochures.
- ❑ Make sure the email address that you give out won't embarrass you – college admission officers will see it.

While You're There

- ❑ Do a quick survey of the room to locate your colleges.
- ❑ Visit booths and ask college representatives questions. The more inquisitive and knowledgeable you are, the more you stand out to recruiters.
- ❑ Take a minute to jot down any information you think is important before moving on to the next booth.
- ❑ Check out some of the other booths when you're done with the colleges on your list. You may stumble onto a great college you hadn't considered.

When You Get Home

- ❑ Ask yourself which colleges stood out and why.
- ❑ Organize the college material you collected and review it that week while it's fresh in your mind.
- ❑ Go over any notes you took during the fair.
- ❑ Throw out the pamphlets of colleges you've ruled out so you can focus on the colleges you're interested in.
- ❑ Do more research on the colleges you're considering. Explore websites, contact the admission office or plan a campus visit. If you liked what you saw at the fair, it may be time to see the college in person.

20 Questions to Ask College Reps

College representatives respond well to inquisitive students. Make the most of your time while you have them all in one place! Here are 20 questions you should be asking those behind the booths.

1. What makes your college unique?
2. What academic programs is your college most known for?
3. How would you describe the kids that go there? Where do most of them come from?
4. Where do kids hang out on campus?
5. What happens on weekends—are there things to do on campus or in town, or do most kids go home?
6. Are fraternities and sororities a big part of campus life?
7. What are the housing options for freshmen?
8. Do many students live off campus?
9. Is there a sports complex or fitness center?
10. What are the most popular clubs and activities?
11. What's the security like on campus?
12. What's the surrounding area like? Is it easy to get around?
13. What are the most popular majors?
14. How would you describe the academic pressure and workload?
15. What support services are available (academic advisers, tutors, etc.)?
16. Do I need to bring my own computer?
17. What's the faculty like? How accessible are they outside of class?
18. Are there opportunities for internships?
19. Is there job placement help for graduates?
20. Are any big changes in the works that I should know about?