

School Shopping List

Name of School _____

✓	A. Type of Education
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the school's philosophy or mission statement? 2. How selective is the institution? 3. Does the institution participate in school-to-work or tech-prep programs? 4. Does the school have an educational program that matches my interests? 5. How long does it take to earn a certificate or degree in my area of interest? 6. What credential does the institution award? 7. Are the institution's credits transferable? 8. What happens to graduates of the school? 9. Are opportunities in the field expanding?

✓	B. Quality of Education
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the school's reputation? 2. What is the school's graduation rate? 3. What is the school's placement rate? 4. What placement services does the school offer? 5. Is the school accredited? 6. Does the school have up-to-date facilities and equipment? 7. Are the instructors qualified? 8. Is the library adequate? 9. What are the sizes of classes?

✓	C. Non-Academic Issues
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the school provide all the training I need for professional certification/licensing? 2. What information is available about campus security? 3. What is the loan default rate at this school? 4. What information is available about students who participate in the school's intercollegiate athletic programs? 5. What are my transportation costs associated with attending the school? 6. What accommodations are provided for the disabled? 7. Are the extracurricular activities I'm interested in available? 8. Are there co-op/work-study opportunities? 9. Is the size of the school right for me? 10. Is the school's location one that I'll enjoy? 11. What student residences are available to freshmen?

✓	D. Financial Issues
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the cost of education? 2. What is the cost of technology/equipment? 3. What is the refund policy? 4. Does the school participate in the federal student aid programs? 5. What are the school's financial aid policies?
✓	E. Applying for Admission
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the admission requirements? 2. What is the cost of applying? 3. What are the application and response deadlines?