

COLLEGE - VOCATIONAL SCHOOL VISITATION QUESTIONS

Below is a list of questions that students and their parents might consider asking college or vocational school representatives. The list is not meant to be "all inclusive." Obviously, there may be additional questions you might ask because of a specific interest or concern. It is also possible some questions might not pertain to the particular school you have in mind. Use these questions as a "guide" only.

1. What are your minimum admission requirements - grade point average, specific high school courses, ACT or SAT scores, class rank? Does your school require any additional test prior to entrance?
2. What are the beginning and ending dates for applying to your school?
3. How long will it take, after my application arrives at your school, before I am notified of acceptance or non-acceptance?
4. Does your school have "guest days" or "orientation days" which you recommend incoming students attend?
5. When does the academic year begin and end?
6. What areas of study (majors or minors) does your school offer? How long does it take to complete the requirements of my intended major?
7. Sometimes certain majors have entrance requirements above the minimum set by the college in general. Does my intended major have any of these special requirements (foreign language, higher ACT or SAT scores, higher class rank, etc.)?
8. Do you have an outline of the courses I will be required to take each semester?
9. Can I visit a particular class (of student's choice) to experience how your classes are conducted?
10. How many students attend your school? What is the average class size? Is there an opportunity for individual help in all classes?
11. Are there any programs or majors for which your school is particularly proud or in which they are especially strong?
12. What starting salary could I expect to make once I graduate from your school with my intended major?
13. Do you have a placement service for my employment after I graduate from your school? What percentage of your graduates receive jobs in the area in which they were trained?
14. Do I need personal references or recommendations from teachers, counselors, employers, etc., in order to complete my application?
15. What campus services do you provide? (Health, counseling, academic advisement, parking, library, insurance, etc.).
16. Does your school have any fraternities, sororities, or special organizations? What are the advantages or disadvantages of joining?
17. May I have a car during my Freshman year - particularly if I need it for part-time employment?
18. Is your school affiliated with any particular religion? If so, do you require specific religious instruction?
19. Are you an accredited school? By whom are you accredited?
20. What is the annual "total" cost of attending your school for one year - including housing, tuition and fees, books and personal expenses, etc.?
21. When must I pay all fees? Is it in one "lump sum" or may I pay at certain intervals throughout the year?
22. What percent of your students receive financial aid?

23. What scholarships are available if I intend to enroll in your school? Are there any special application forms that your school requires in order to be considered for financial aid? What are the steps involved in making application?
24. What sports and extra-curricular activities are offered through your school? Do you offer scholarships in any of these areas?
25. Does your school participate in any loan programs in case I do not qualify for a scholarship? What are the chances of me receiving a loan if I apply for one?
26. What are the possibilities of part-time employment or cooperative work-study program at or near your school? Do you assist in finding part-time employment?
27. What housing accommodations are available? What are the costs? Does this include meals? How many roommates will I have?
28. Do I need a special application for housing? How do I obtain it? What is the deadline for housing applications?
29. Must I sign a housing contract? How long am I obligated to this contract - especially if I were to transfer to another school or drop out?

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