

**The College Visit  
and  
The College Interview**

# How to Get Started

Ask yourself what you want from a college:

**Do you know your major?**

Let your answers guide you.

Be sure that you don't narrow your options too much as a freshman. Yes, you actually might change your mind.

**Small or large school?**

The larger the school the more independent you need to be as a learner and as a personal manager.

# Getting Started

## Distance from home

Though everyone wants to move out and on, ask yourself how far you want to be from family and friends. If you got homesick at camp when you were a kid, if you are attached to your sisters and brothers, you might want to be only a 3-4 hour car ride away from home.

# Getting Started

Cost. Talk to your parents. Are they planning on helping, or are you footing the bill? Will you qualify for any financial aid?

You may really want to go to a school that is not a good fit for you financially. It is important to think about the life you want for yourself when you're in your 20s and 30s when you are deciding the amount of debt you want to take on now.

# Getting Started

Region. Ask yourself about climate, and weather. Do you like the cold? Do you like hot weather? Do you mind a lot of rain?

Answering even simple questions like these will help you narrow your search. Remember you are also picking where your new home will be for the next 4 years.

# Do Your Research

Start with a virtual visit....

All colleges and universities have websites. Be sure to check out the links to admissions, majors, specific departments or programs you are interested in, and costs and financial aid.

If you have a TW or FB account, follow the admissions page of colleges you are interested in.

# Do Your Research

You might find answers to your questions....

Does your school help students find internships?



Indiana University   
@IUBloomington

Get involved with [@IUSustain](#)'s summer internship program. Info session 6pm tonight at the E-House, 704 E 10th St. [go.iu.edu/je](http://go.iu.edu/je)

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# Do Your Research

You might find answers to your questions....

If I want to save money and go to JCCC my first year, is it hard to transfer?



**K-State**  
@KState

New/transfer students: Connect w/ campus resources from 8-10 p.m. at the Rec Center. Free t-shirts & pizza for first 100 students to attend!

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# Do Your Research

You might find answers to your questions....

What if I change my major? Are there a lot of choices?



University of Kansas

@KUNews

#KU is home to Kansas' only schools of pharmacy and medicine, and offers more than 345 degree programs.

#KUFacts

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# Do Your Research

You might find answers to your questions....

Can I get involved in community service?

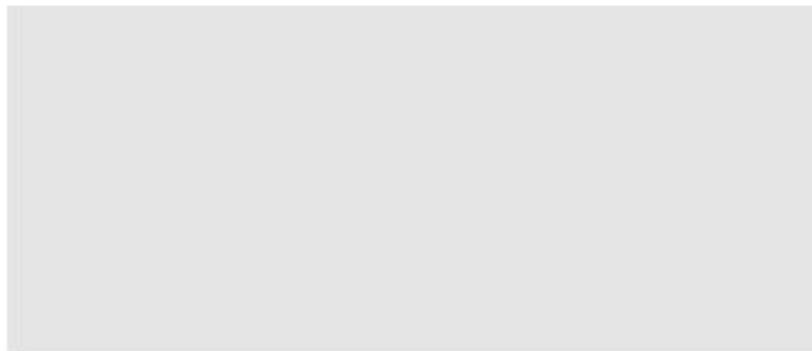


**Trinity University**

@Trinity\_U

#WATCH "Everyone [at Trinity] wants to do something greater than themselves." -Laura Sandling '13 [bit.ly/Wzf8jz](http://bit.ly/Wzf8jz)

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## Trinity in 60 Seconds: Getting Involved

Trinity University student Laura Sandling discusses how getting involved at Trinity has enriched her time as a student.

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# Do Your Research

You might find answers to your questions....

I don't want to just sit in classes, I want to have some real-world experiences. Can I do that here?



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@AF\_Academy

The @AF\_Academy cadets conduct research for the entire #AirForce! [1.usa.gov/127f5Cp](http://1.usa.gov/127f5Cp) #YourAcademy

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# Do Your Research

You might find answers to your questions....

Can I experience big-time college sports here and get a great education?



**WVU Mountaineers**

@WestVirginiaU

Going to the WVU-Kansas basketball game tomorrow? Don't forget it's Stripe the Coliseum night! Check the diagram at [ow.ly/h8BWS](http://ow.ly/h8BWS)

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# Do Your Research

Start with a virtual visit....

It's never too early to email your questions to the Office of Admissions. It gets you on their radar.

# Do Your Research

## Speaking of email....

Your BVW student email goes away the week after you graduate.

Contact colleges with your personal email.

Make sure you email address will make a positive impression.

[linda.kapfer@gmail.com](mailto:linda.kapfer@gmail.com)

# Do Your Research

Ask your teachers,  
friends, parents  
friends, siblings,  
siblings friends.....

Make a chart or list  
about each school you  
look at.

Anyone you can find who  
attended that school can  
give you the skinny on what  
is and isn't cool about their  
alma mater.

It's okay to start with a  
long list, but by August of  
your senior year, you want  
no more than 5 or 6 schools  
to better manage visits and  
ACT/SAT information.

# The Count Down Begins...

During second semester  
your junior year do the  
following:

Your resume

Preliminary college visits

You will have more to add  
senior year, but it will be  
much easier if you have it  
started.

Some schools have junior  
days, some you will sign up  
for with the  
seniors. There will be a link  
on the website about  
visits. Pick the visit that  
gives you the big picture.

# The Count Down Begins...

Evaluate your Transcript.

Use your analysis to determine what you will take senior year.

Does your transcript show a rigorous and diverse course of study?

Have you turned in community service hours and are they showing up on your transcript?

Besides a full schedule, make sure your senior year contains rigor including math, AP, or college-credit courses.

# The Count Down Begins...

Take the ACT or SAT or both.

Take the test(s) by June so you have a baseline score to work towards. From those scores, visit with your parents, your counselor, and/or your administrator (that's me) about your plan on how to increase your score.

End of Part One...