



### QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN APPLYING TO A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE

Applying to college can be both exciting and overwhelming. Fortunately, there are some key personnel available to help provide support through this process such as guidance counselors, admissions officers, and Office of Disability Services staff. Included below are lists of questions that may be helpful to ask when having conversations about applying to college.

#### High School Guidance Counselor:

- What are some colleges that might accept me based on my GPA and ACT or SAT score?
- Here are some things that I'm interested in (computers, animals, etc.)... What college programs might be a good fit for me based on those interests?
- What happens if I don't know which career I want to pursue before I apply to college?
- Are there any upcoming college fairs?
- Where have other students from our school gone to college?
- What do colleges want to see in application essays? How can I make my essay stand out?
- What else can I be doing now to prepare for college?

#### College Admissions Officer:

- What are the financial aid options offered by your college?
- What are the average GPAs, SAT, and ACT scores of students accepted at your college?
- What merit scholarships do you offer?
- Are there any scholarships for students with disabilities?
- How much debt do students typically leave with?
- Are there any upcoming campus tours?
- What degree programs do you offer?
- Are there opportunities for student employment?
- What is the average class size?
- What percentage of your students graduate in four years?
- What academic supports are available to students (e.g., tutoring, writing center, math center, etc.)?
- What percentage of students at this college obtain internships?
- Do you offer opportunities to study abroad?



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- Where do most of the students live (e.g. on-campus, off-campus, fraternity or sorority housing)?
- What transportation options exist for students who live off-campus?
- How many clubs and student organizations does this college have?
- What makes your college unique compared to other colleges?

## Office of Disability Services:

- What types of services do you provide (e.g. transportation, counseling, assistive technology support, etc.)?
- What types of accommodations are offered at this college?
- About how many students do you serve?
- Are there any programs to support students with disabilities (e.g., mentorship programs)?
- Are there any student organizations related to disability advocacy?
- What is the graduation rate of students with disabilities from this college?
- What is the employment rate of students with disabilities who have graduated from this college?