

College Visitation Request Form

(Please complete and return to Attendance Office)

The purpose of a college visit is to get detailed information concerning a college that the student may wish to attend. It is advisable that parents attend the college visit with their student. Spontaneous visits to colleges are not preferred by the college because they do not always have time to meet with the students and parents. College visitations may be scheduled online or by calling the admissions office. Many colleges and universities also host open houses. These are generally held on Saturdays. The open houses offers more detailed information and additional staff are on hand to answer questions parents and students may have.

In order for a college visit to be counted as a “field trip,” this form requesting permission to make a college visit must be completed and submitted one week prior to the visit. An administrator will review the form to determine whether it will be approved. Upon approval, the attached yellow form must be completed by an appropriate college representative. Failure to have these forms completed will result in an unexcused absence.

No College Visitation Request will be approved during the final week of the quarter or during any state mandated tests.

Student Name: _____

Date Requested to Visit College: _____

College to be Visited: _____

Address: _____

Have you made an appointment with the college/university? YES NO

With whom did you make the appointment:

Name: _____

Contact Number or Email: _____

Title: _____

Who will be attending the college visit with you? _____

If approved, I understand my child will be absent from school on the requested day and is doing so with my permission.

Parent/Guardian Signature

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In order for a college visit to be counted as an excused absence or a "field trip," an authorized employee or representative of the college must complete this form in full. The person must have first hand knowledge of your visit. Failure to have this form completed in full will result in an unexcused absence (red slip). This form must be presented to the Attendance Office immediately upon return to school.

Student Name: _____

College Visited: _____

Date of Visit: _____

People visiting with you: _____

Activities Undertaken of Offices Visited during College Visitation:

By signing this form, I am verifying the above named student has visited our college or university and the information is accurate.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Phone Number: _____

Campus Visit Questions

Want to find the right fit for college? Visit the colleges that interest you, and ask LOTS of questions while you're there.

Ask the admissions representative:

1. What are admission requirements and deadlines?
2. What is the cost of tuition, fees, room & board, and books?
3. What are housing options? Will I be required to live on campus? Is there a wait list? Are meal plans required?
4. What is the average class size? Are classes taught by professors or graduate assistants?
5. I don't know what I plan to study yet; how easy is it to change majors?
6. What are "general education" requirements?
7. How easy is it to transfer credits from a community college?
8. Is there an honors program and how do you qualify?
9. Is there a campus career center? Are internships available? Job placement services?
10. Are there study-abroad opportunities?
11. What percentage of students return after their freshman year?
12. What percentage of students graduate and what is the average length of study?
13. How diverse is the student population?
14. What percentage of students are commuters?
15. What is the student vs. faculty ratio?
16. What kind of tutoring/support systems does the college have?

Note: If you have a disability, ask to meet with the school's disability services coordinator.

Questions about student safety:

1. Is there an on-campus health clinic? (Tip: Ask your insurance provider if the campus clinic is "in-network.")
2. Where do you refer students who have a serious medical issue?
3. How safe is the campus, and what security systems are in place?

Ask your student tour guide or a current student:

Student life:

1. Why did you select this school?
2. Are the professors accessible?
3. How easy or hard was it to get the classes you wanted?
4. How many hours a day or week do you study?
5. What kind of tutoring/support systems does the college have?

Ask the financial aid counselor:

1. What applications are required for scholarships and financial aid, and what are the deadlines?
2. Are academic and departmental scholarships available?
3. Will scholarships from other donors affect the amount of aid I receive from the college?
4. What types of payment plans does the college offer?
5. Can I get a refund if I have to drop a class or drop out suddenly?

Campus life:

1. What is the Greek system like?
2. Where have you lived on campus?
3. Can freshmen have cars on campus? What is the fee for parking on campus?
4. How easy is it to get around on campus? Can I walk anywhere I want to go? Is there a free campus shuttle?
5. What do students do on weekends? What did you do last weekend?
6. What are the big campus traditions? Do a lot of students go to athletic events?
7. What kinds of activities, intramural sports or clubs are popular on campus?
8. Is there a campus recreation center for students?
9. How is the food in the dining halls? What are the hours?

Life off campus:

1. How easy is it to get to places if you don't have a car? Are bikes a good option?
2. Is there a grocery store nearby?

Ask YOURSELF after your campus visit:

1. Was the campus a good size for me?
2. How were the residence halls? Too loud or too quiet? How large were the rooms? Was I comfortable with the level of security?
3. Is there enough to do on and off campus?

Additional questions for a visit to a community college:

1. Will I be required to take placement exams? If so, what are they?
2. What is the two-year graduation rate?
3. Tell me about your academic transfer program.
4. Do you have student housing? Is there a wait list?



Campus Visit Checklist

Visiting a college campus helps you get a sense of what a college — and life at that college — is like. This can help you decide whether the college is right for you.

GATHER INFORMATION

Find out what you need to do to apply, and see if the college's class and major offerings are what you want:

- Take part in a group information session at the admission office.
- Interview with an admission officer.
- Pick up financial aid forms.
- Sit in on a class that interests you. If classes aren't in session, just see what the classrooms are like.
- Meet a professor who teaches a subject that interests you.
- Talk to students about what they think of their classes and professors.
- Get the names and business cards of the people you meet so you can contact them later if you have questions.

EXPLORE THE CAMPUS

Get a feel for student life, and see if this college is a place where you will do well:

- Take a campus tour.
- Visit the dining hall, fitness center, library, career center, bookstore, and other campus facilities.
- Talk to current students about the college and life on campus.
- Check out the freshman dorms, and stay overnight with a student, if possible.
- Talk to the coaches of sports that you may want to play.
- Walk or drive around the community surrounding the campus.

CHECK OUT CAMPUS MEDIA

Tune in to learn what's happening on campus and what's on students' minds:

- Listen to the college radio station.
- Read the student newspaper.
- Scan bulletin boards to see what daily student life is like.
- Go to the career center and learn what services it offers.
- Browse the school's website and any campus blogs.
- Read other student publications, such as department newsletters, alternative newspapers, and literary reviews.

College visit don'ts – avoid wasting time and money -

Visiting college is such an important step, and it is time consuming and expensive. No pressure, right? It's o.k. — visiting colleges also can create some of your best travel memories ever. Just be sure not to fall into any of these potholes on your journey!

10 Common Campus Visit Mistakes:

1. Don't sabotage your trip by trying to shorten it. You've come a long way! Or maybe you haven't. Regardless, you've taken time and spent money to visit. Don't skip activities to "beat the traffic" or get an extra hour of sleep. Don't try to squeeze in a couple of hours on the way to somewhere else, either. Wanting to stop by a campus on the way to vacation is understandable, but don't expect to get a full experience if you are under a severe time limit. Of course, if you're just stopping by to see if it looks interesting enough to investigate fully another time, then carry on!

2. Don't let the opportunity to see the local area slip by. If you are already there, and considering making the area a home-away-from-home for several years, find out about some of the great things to do in town or just over the border, neat places to see, local restaurants you can find no where else. You won't be making an informed choice if all you see are the main highway and the canned campus tour.

3. Don't miss the visit. Look up. Turn your phone off and *engage*. If you are missing the majority of the presentation, you're not going to get any kind of feel for the place. Dig in and enjoy. You can turn on your phone to take pictures, but turn it right back off. Promise?

4. Don't miss the chance to go off the beaten path. Once you've experienced the structured activities, take a look around campus on your own. (But **don't skip the official tour and information sessions**. Colleges have been welcoming visitors for years, and they have the information everyone asks down to a science. These are almost always worth your time.) While you're out and about, ask current students questions. A good start is what they love about the school, and what they like least.

5. Don't blame the school for the weather. This sounds ridiculous, but it's well known that students who tour on rainy days are less likely to apply. If you didn't get to see the school at its best, decide whether the circumstances were beyond campus control. The college made your list for at least one compelling reason. Make sure you don't remove it for something that, in the end, shouldn't be a deal-breaker. And pack an umbrella . Rain happens.

6. Don't blame the college for road construction/poor signage/traffic tie-ups. *You* handle the travel issues, let them concentrate on things they can control. Check traffic and weather

sites online before leaving, make sure you have directions and a paper back-up to your GPS, and leave in plenty of time to handle a delay. (These days traffic delays are as sure as death and taxes.) With a little homework, you won't be the people tiptoeing in the back as the presentation is ending.

7. Don't allow rotten apples to ruin your trip. If you see campus folks behaving badly, know that it's highly unlikely they represent the majority. One or two bad apples among hundreds (or thousands) of very fine citizens should not spoil the bunch. As for fellow travelers, any time a number of people get together, it seems like there's always one guy in the audience who just can't be quiet. Should you wind up in a group with Rude Guy, maybe you can use your best "shhhhh!" face, or move to a new spot so you can hear better. Remember it's not the college's fault since they have to welcome all visitors, not just nice ones. Oh, and **don't BE that guy**. You are not the only group in the audience, and other people have spent their time and money to get there, too. Don't complain loudly, don't monopolize the presenter's time by asking all the questions, and don't assume everyone there has your same background knowledge.

8. Don't visit when classes aren't in session if you want to see campus when classes are in session. No brainer, right? But campus admissions departments often hear the complaint from summer visitors that "the campus did not have enough activity" during their visit. Well, duh. Similarly, if you don't want crazy traffic and parking issues, maybe the quiet between semesters is the best time for you to travel. Just make an informed choice and go when the time best suits you.

9. Don't feel out of place. Will you look like an obvious visitor? Probably. This is fine. Most of the students you see will be fondly remembering when they were in your shoes — and they'll be happy to help if you're lost or have a question. Just try not to stand out in an overbearing way, by wearing your current high school t-shirt or letter jacket, or — heaven forbid— another college's logo. (Seriously, this is not the day to make a statement, unless the statement is that you'd rather be anywhere else than this particular campus.)

10. Don't expect to park near the front door. In other words, wear your walking shoes. College campuses tend to be beautiful — and large. Most campus tours are labeled *walking* tours for a reason. You can expect the tour alone to be about an hour long, then you will need to get yourself to other locations for campus appointments or dining centers. If a member of your party needs an accessible tour route, be sure to plan in advance. You should be able to find accessible routes and parking on the college's web site, or contact information for someone who can help you with accessible trip planning.

MakeMeAFreshman.Com










This is a great website that allows you to make your own to-do list for the colleges that you are interested in. This website will generate a list with deadlines and you can add your own things (for example, ACT registration dates or days college reps will be at the school). It's easy to use and free, so sign up to make the process a little easier on yourself.



DONE	TASK	LIST	DEADLINE
	ACT Registration	Your Task	September 22, 2017
	Submit the application for Wright State University.	Wright State University	March 1, 2017
	Submit the \$30 Application Fee.	Wright State University	March 1, 2017
	Submit your official high school transcript.	Wright State University	March 1, 2017
	Submit your test scores for the SAT or ACT.	Wright State University	March 1, 2017
	Learn more about the Honors program at Wright State University.	Wright State University	March 1, 2017
	Pay the \$60 application fee or submit a Fee Waiver.	The Ohio State University	February 1, 2017

If you are still unsure, here is a great resource that allows you to compare colleges at a glance.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/compare-colleges>

COLLEGE	WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY	OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
COLLEGE	 <p>Wright State University Dayton, OH</p> <p>+ Add to My College List</p> <p>Remove college from comparison</p>	 <p>Ohio State University Columbus, OH</p> <p>+ Add to My College List</p> <p>Remove college from comparison</p>	 <p>University of Cincinnati Cincinnati, OH</p> <p>+ Add to My College List</p> <p>Remove college from comparison</p>
LOCATION	Dayton, OH Midwest	Columbus, OH Midwest	Cincinnati, OH Midwest
TYPE	Public	Public	Public
CAMPUS LIFE	<p>12,504 Undergraduates enrolled</p> <p> Medium-sized</p> <p> Suburban</p>	<p>45,831 Undergraduates enrolled</p> <p> Large</p> <p> Urban</p>	<p>25,860 Undergraduates enrolled</p> <p> Large</p> <p> Urban</p>
ADMISSIONS	<p>Less selective 95% of applicants admitted</p> <p>Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAT Reasoning Test or ACT: Required <p>New SAT Scores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math: 510-830 • Evidence Based Reading & Writing: 600-640 • Reading Test: 26-32 <p>Old SAT Scores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Reading: 480-600 • Math: 470-810 • Writing: 430-660 <p>ACT Composite Scores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18-26 	<p>Somewhat selective 54% of applicants admitted</p> <p>Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay(s): Required • SAT Reasoning Test or ACT: Required <p>New SAT Scores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math: 640-780 • Evidence Based Reading & Writing: 610-710 • Reading Test: 29-35 <p>Old SAT Scores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Reading: 540-670 • Math: 620-740 • Writing: 660-660 <p>ACT Composite Scores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27-31 	<p>Less selective 76% of applicants admitted</p> <p>Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay(s): Required • SAT Reasoning Test or ACT: Required <p>New SAT Scores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math: 650-870 • Evidence Based Reading & Writing: 560-880 • Reading Test: 28-34 <p>Old SAT Scores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Reading: 510-840 • Math: 620-860 • Writing: 490-810 <p>ACT Composite Scores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23-28
COST & AID	<p>\$8,730 In-state tuition and fees</p> <p>\$17,608 Out-of-state tuition and fees</p>	<p>\$10,037 In-state tuition and fees</p> <p>\$28,229 Out-of-state tuition and fees</p>	<p>\$11,000 In-state tuition and fees</p> <p>\$26,334 Out-of-state tuition and fees</p>

COLLEGE COMPARISON WORKSHEET

COLLEGE NAME:			
LOCATION ➤ Distance from home			
SIZE ➤ Enrollment ➤ Physical size of campus			
ENVIRONMENT ➤ Type of school ➤ Setting (urban, rural) ➤ Location/size of nearest city ➤ Co-ed, male, female ➤ Religious affiliation			
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS ➤ Deadline ➤ Required tests ➤ Average test scores, GPA ➤ Notification			
ACADEMICS ➤ Your major offered ➤ Special requirements ➤ Accreditation ➤ Student faculty ratio ➤ Typical class size			
COLLEGE EXPENSES ➤ Tuition, room, & board ➤ Estimated total budget ➤ Application fee, deposits			
FINANCIAL AID ➤ Deadline ➤ Required forms ➤ % receiving aid ➤ Scholarships			
HOUSING ➤ Residence hall requirement ➤ Food plan			
FACILITIES ➤ Academic ➤ Recreational ➤ Other			
ACTIVITIES ➤ Clubs, organizations ➤ Greek life ➤ Athletics, intramurals ➤ Others			
CAMPUS VISITS ➤ When ➤ Special opportunities			