



# Questions To Ask College Representatives

**Before asking questions, why not be bold and introduce yourself?**

## Example:

**Hi! My name is... I am interested in going to college because I want to...**

**study** (a certain subject)

**pursue** (a certain job or career)

**explore** my options for what I want to study and do with my life

**I really have no idea about your school and what it has to offer; will you please tell me a little about it?**

## Or

**You can ask more specific questions like:**

- Where is your college located? How far away is it from my home?
- How big or small is your campus? How many undergraduate students?
- How is your institution unique? What distinguishes it from most other colleges?
- What is the ethnic breakdown of your students?
- Are there a variety of majors to choose from? What are the most popular majors?
- Does your college offer a major or program in the subject area/career I am interested in?
- Are there programs to help me succeed? (i.e. free tutoring, computer labs, honors programs)
- What are the admissions requirements? How are students selected for admission? How can I qualify for or receive a fee waiver?
- What are the average SAT or ACT scores and grade point average of entering freshmen?
- Are freshmen guaranteed housing? What types of housing does your college offer and how old are they? (i.e. dorms, apartments, suites, etc.)

- How much does it cost to attend your school (average student budget)?
- What is the average financial aid package? (i.e. grants, loans, work... how much \$ awarded)
- What percentage of your students is awarded financial aid?
- What types of scholarship opportunities are available?
- What is the average class size for introductory, general education classes take by freshmen and sophomores? What is the faculty to student ratio?
- How easy is it for freshmen to get classes? Do most students graduate within 4 years?
- Who typically teaches freshman and sophomore classes? (i.e. professors, T.A.'s)
- Does each student have a personally assigned academic advisor?
- What is the availability of opportunities for students to get involved? (i.e. campus work, ethnic or religious groups, sports activities, clubs, government, volunteer organizations, etc.)
- What is the community and environment like around the campus? Are students welcomed by the community?
- Are there sororities and fraternities? How much do they influence the campus?
- Do I have to bring my own computer to college or are there plenty of computers on campus?
- What is the percentage of campus crime? What are the most "typical" incidents of crime?
- How successful are your graduates in finding jobs?
- Will there be a new-student orientation program before classes begin? When and how long?

**Feel free to talk about yourself... your family, your grades, your goals, and your involvement in and outside of school. Colleges want to hear about YOU, and the more they know about you, the more attentive and helpful they can be.**