

# Contacting Colleges

## Check out college websites...



- Obtain general information
- Investigate sources of financial aid
- Access online application forms
- Schedule campus visits

**Many colleges encourage telephone and e-mail inquiries and requests. Be sure to establish a permanent and professional email address to use during the college search process!**

**Haven't selected a major?** It's okay to be **undecided** about a major. Most colleges provide services to help students select a major during the first and/or second year.

## Checklist for a Campus Visit

A campus visit is highly recommended. Before you visit the campus, consider some of the options below. It is also important to develop a list of questions and plan specific activities in order to accomplish your goals.

- ❑ Meet with an admission officer.
- ❑ Verify admission requirements (tests and high school preparation).
- ❑ Discuss your chances for success in certain programs.
- ❑ Find out how to apply.
- ❑ Obtain a school calendar and a catalog.
- ❑ Determine college costs.
- ❑ Ask about financial aid opportunities, as well as deadlines, forms required, etc.
- ❑ Meet with faculty in the department of your intended major.
- ❑ Ask questions about academic requirements/offering.
- ❑ Attend a class to get an idea of typical size, teaching style, academic atmosphere.
- ❑ Ask about the placement record for graduates in the field you might study.
- ❑ Identify career planning services for undergraduates.
- ❑ Tour the campus (be sure to check out the dorms, dining hall, library, etc.)
- ❑ Talk to students about the general academic environment and the amount and kind of study necessary for success.
- ❑ Find out what student activities (clubs, organizations, intramurals, etc.) are available and about campus life in terms of dating and social activities.
- ❑ Investigate transportation options.