

Finding Your PEACE

A Quick Start Guide of Questions to Help You Build Your College List

P PRESTIGE

QUESTIONS

- What is the school known for?
- What aspects of the schools do you connect or want to be associated with?

EXAMPLES

- “NC A&T is known for producing the most Black engineers in the country.”
- “I want to be connected with Ohio State’s history of athletics.”

E EXPERIENCE

QUESTIONS

- What kind of college experience do you want to have?
- What opportunities and resources do you want to access?

EXAMPLES

- “I definitely want that HBCU homecoming experience!”
- “I think the University of Richmond’s On-Campus Recruiting opportunities will help me land an internship.”

A ACADEMICS

QUESTIONS

- What programs or majors do you want to pursue?
- What would make a valuable education to you?

EXAMPLES

- “I want to pursue DePaul’s Sound Recording Technology program.”
- “The University of Chicago’s joint BS/MS program in Chemistry aligns with my career goals.”

C COST

QUESTIONS

- How much financial aid can you receive?
- Considering your possible salaries, would this school be worth the cost or debt?

EXAMPLES

- “Florida A&M is offering me a full-ride scholarship!”
- “I’ll have virtually no debt and a high salary if I study computer science at an inexpensive state school.”

E ENVIRONMENT

QUESTIONS

- How close or far do you want to be from home?
- What would make an ideal campus environment for you?

EXAMPLES

- “Being an hour and a half away from home is the perfect balance for me.”
- “There needs to be a Black Student Union on my campus that I can join.”

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