

What to do at the College Fair

The following steps should help you get the facts you need!

Before the Fair

- Ask yourself some questions and write down the answers. What classes do you like? Do you want to be in a large city or a small town? Do you want to be close to home? Are there sports to activities that are very important to you?
- Research colleges in your career center (CCRC) or make a list of some colleges that match with your description of what you like.
- Ask your Guidance Counselor for help if you need it.

At the Fair

- Visit the colleges on your list first. You can always visit others if you have time left over.
- Ask each college questions and write down the answers. Some example questions follow:
 1. What are your college's strengths?
 2. How many students attend your college?
 3. Do you offer the programs I am interested in?
 4. What support programs do you have for first-year students?
 5. What is the application procedure and deadline?
 6. How much does a full year cost (tuition, books, fees, room/board)?
 7. How much and what types of scholarships are available?

After the Fair

- Read the information you picked up about the colleges. Make a list of those that still interest you.
- Call the colleges on your list for more information or to schedule a visit.
- Apply to the colleges that you and your family think make sense for you. Remember to file for financial aid.

Wait to hear from the colleges - and get ready!

Source: MACAC (Minnesota Association for College Admission Counseling) For more information regarding National College Fairs go to http://www.nacac.com/fairs_ncf.html