

To help you find the right college or university:

1. Keep a record of the information you discover about an institution.
2. Talk with counselors and faculty members about the colleges or universities that best meet your needs.
3. Talk with people who work in the field you're considering. Find out what colleges they think can best help you reach your goals.
4. Go to a college's website and look at the courses in your major. Contact the department offering those courses and ask how their major compares with the same major in other colleges.

To help you find the right scholarship:

1. Research the organization or company sponsoring the scholarship. What is its mission? What are its values?
2. Find out why the scholarship was established.
3. Keep a record of the information you discover about a scholarship and the organization that sponsors it.
4. If the important activities, events, persons, or ideas in your life connect with the scholarship's purpose and the organization's mission, make a note of that and highlight it in your essay.