

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

## School Finder

**Directions:** Circle your responses to the questions below. Answer each question thoughtfully. I will enter your answers on IHaveAPlanIowa.gov and you will get the results next week in class.

### LOCATION

3. Where would you like to go for college?

(You can either underline the names of the states where you would like to attend school or CIRCLE the name of a region that interests you. **DEFINITION** of Region: an area of the country made up of several states.)

- a. **West** [Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming]
- b. **Midwest** [Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin]
- c. **Northeast** [Vermont, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Maine, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut]
- d. **Southeast** [Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia]
- e. **American Protectorates** [Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands]

### SCHOOL TYPE

2. What type of college would you prefer?
- a. 2-year
  - b. 4-year
  - c. Does not matter

### PUBLIC OR PRIVATE

1. Would you prefer to go to a public or private college?
- a. Public
  - b. Private
  - c. No preference

### SCHOOL SETTING

4. What type of environment would you like to live in?
- a. Major City (major cities and towns)
  - b. Small/Medium City

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- c. Large Town
- d. Small Town
- e. Rural Community (an area far away from a city or large town)
- f. Does not matter

### SCHOOL SIZE

9. What size school would you like to attend?
- a. Extra Small (Under 25,000 students)
  - b. Small (2,500 - 5,000)
  - c. Medium (5,000 - 10,000)
  - d. Large (10,000 -15,000)
  - e. Extra Large (15,000-20,000)
  - f. Super-sized (Over 20,000 students)
  - g. Does not matter

### ENTRANCE DIFFICULTY

5. What level of selectivity are you looking for? (Selectivity covers the class rank, GPA, SAT scores and ACT scores of the incoming freshmen as well as the percentage of applicants who were accepted)
- a. Least Selective: virtually all applicants are accepted regardless of high school rank or test scores.
  - b. Less Selective: most freshmen were not in the top 50% of their high school class. Up to 95% of applicants accepted.
  - c. Selective: more than 75% of freshmen were in the top 50% of their high school class. 85% or fewer applicants accepted.
  - d. More Selective: more than 50% of all freshmen were in the top 10% of their high school class. 60% or fewer applicants accepted.
  - e. Most Selective: more than 75% of freshmen were in the top 10% of their high school class. Less than 30% of applicants accepted.
  - f. Does not matter

### TUITION

7. How much are you planning to spend in tuition? Just choose tuition for now, don't include room and board. Circle your answer.
- a. Less than \$2,500 per year
  - b. \$2,500 - \$5,000 per year
  - c. \$5,000 - \$7,500 per year
  - d. \$7,500 - \$10,000 per year
  - e. \$10,000-\$15,000 per year
  - f. \$15,000-\$20,000 per year
  - g. Over \$20,000
  - h. Does Not Matter

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### RESIDENCY

8. What is your state of residence? \_\_\_\_\_

### PROGRAMS/MAJORS OFFERED

9. In the space below, write down the major you think you might be interested in studying at college. (Ex: biology, English, photography, accounting, carpentry, etc.)  
If you are unsure, write Undecided.
- \_\_\_\_\_

### SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAM OPTIONS

10. Which of the following special program options are important to you? (Circle all that interest you. If you are unfamiliar with all of the programs listed, skip this question.

**NOTE:** Additional options are on the next page.)

- a. Study Abroad
- b. Self Designed Majors
- c. Double Majors
- d. Dual Degrees
- e. Independent Study
- f. Accelerated Study
- g. Honors Program
- h. Phi Beta Kappa
- i. Pass/Fail Grading Option
- j. Internships
- k. Week-end College
- l. Distance Learning
- m. External Degree Program
- n. Washington Semester (American University)
- o. UN Semester
- p. Sea Semester
- q. American Studies Program
- r. Air Force ROTC
- s. Navy ROTC
- t. Army ROTC
- u. Does not matter

### GENDER BALANCE

11. Would you prefer a student population that is...
- a. Coeducational (both men and women)
  - b. Woman's College
  - c. Men's College
  - d. Primarily Women
  - e. Primarily Men

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**INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS**

12. Circle the sport(s) that you currently play and would like to play in college.

Alpine Skiing	Men's	Women's
Archery	Men's	Women's
Badminton	Men's	Women's
Baseball	Men's	Women's
Basketball	Men's	Women's
Bowling	Men's	Women's
Boxing	Men's	Women's
Canoe and Kayak	Men's	Women's
Cheerleading	Men's	Women's
Crew	Men's	Women's
Cricket	Men's	Women's
Cross-Country Running	Men's	Women's
Curling	Men's	Women's
Cycling	Men's	Women's
Diving	Men's	Women's
Equestrian Sports	Men's	Women's
Fencing	Men's	Women's
Field Hockey	Men's	Women's
Figure Skating	Men's	Women's
Football	Men's	Women's
Golf	Men's	Women's
Gymnastics	Men's	Women's
Handball	Men's	Women's
Ice Hockey	Men's	Women's
Lacrosse	Men's	Women's
Lightweight Football	Men's	Women's
Martial Arts	Men's	Women's
Nordic Skiing	Men's	Women's
Polo	Men's	Women's
Racquetball	Men's	Women's
Riflery	Men's	Women's
Rodeo	Men's	Women's
Rugby	Men's	Women's
Sailing	Men's	Women's
Soccer	Men's	Women's

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Softball	Men's	Women's
Squash	Men's	Women's
Swimming	Men's	Women's
Tennis	Men's	Women's
Track and Field	Men's	Women's
Ultimate Frisbee	Men's	Women's
Volleyball	Men's	Women's
Water Polo	Men's	Women's
Water Skiing	Men's	Women's
Weight Lifting	Men's	Women's
Wheelchair Basketball	Men's	Women's
Wrestling	Men's	Women's

### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

13. Which of the following do you want to be available on campus?

(Circle all that interest you.)

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| a. Student Government             | h. Student Newspaper                   |
| b. Literary Magazine              | i. Yearbook                            |
| c. Radio Station                  | j. Television Station                  |
| d. Honor Societies                | k. Social Fraternities                 |
| e. Social Sororities              | l. Campus Based Religious Organization |
| f. Minority Student Organizations | m. International Student Organizations |
| n. Does not matter                |  |

### STUDENT HOUSING

14. If you want to live on campus, what kind of housing are you interested in?

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| a. Coed dorms available(men and women) | f. Single-student apartments                  |
| b. Women's dorms available             | g. Married-student apartments                 |
| c. Men's dorms available               | h. Special Housing for Disabled Students      |
| d. Sorority housing available          | i. Special Housing for International Students |
| e. Fraternity housing available        | j. Cooperative Housing Available              |

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## College Visit Reflection

Answer the following questions about your college visit.

Name of college: \_\_\_\_\_

Date visited: \_\_\_\_\_

How did your college visit affect your plans to attend?



1. What was your overall impression, or feeling, about this college? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Can you imagine yourself attending this college, or one like it? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What did you like best about this college? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What did you like least? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What would you like to know more about? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. How will your visit affect your future plans? Will you apply to this college (or one like it)? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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What kind of colleges interest you? Use IHaveAPlanIowa.gov to begin your search.



## School Finder Results

Use the IHaveAPlanIowa.gov “School Finder” to find the Undergraduate Schools (2- and 4-year colleges) that meet your needs. On each page, check the kinds of things you prefer – public or private school, big or small. The School Finder will create a list of possible schools.

**Print out your list and put it in your Portfolio, or copy your top choices here. An example has been done for you.**

List **5 Schools** that were **exact** or **close to exact** matches:

Name of School	Type of School	City/State
<i>Drake University</i>	<i>4-year</i>	<i>Des Moines, IA</i>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

List additional schools that interest you. You may include schools that were not on your list.

(Do not include any schools listed above.)

6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____

THE SCHOOL I AM RESEARCHING IS: \_\_\_\_\_

## Your Search Criteria

To help you remember what influenced your choices, review your School Finder search criteria listed above your list of schools. Print out your list by clicking **Print This** in the upper right corner of the page and put it in your Portfolio, or copy your criteria below.

1. Location: (If you remember the region you selected, record just that name below.)

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2. School Type: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Public or Private: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

5. School Size: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Entrance Difficulty: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Tuition: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Special Academic Programs: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Gender Balance: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Extracurricular Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Student Housing: \_\_\_\_\_