



# GENEVA COLLEGE

## BOOST YOUR COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE

### Some Questions To Ask Yourself:

1. Do I want a small college, large university, community college, or technical/professional school?
2. Do I want a private or public school?
3. What's a liberal arts education and is it right for me?
4. How far from home am I willing to travel for college?
5. What kind of geographic setting would I most prefer?
6. What 3 majors can I see myself studying?
7. How important are the following things to me? sports, social activities, academic reputation, campus activities, quality/quantity of facilities, campus rules & policies, etc.

### Some Questions to Ask Potential Colleges and Universities:

1. What is the Student-Faculty Ratio?
2. What percentage of faculty have their PhD's?
3. Do students teach any of your courses?
4. How many minorities are on campus?
5. What's the on-campus population?
6. Extra-curricular activities offered?
7. How many commuter students are here?
8. What about freshman housing?
9. Can freshmen have cars on campus?
10. Will I have an academic advisor?
11. Tell me about campus security.
12. Describe the College's relationship with the community.
13. How are roommates decided?
14. Varsity and intramural sports?
15. Is there career planning & job placement help?
16. The average SAT/ACT scores of freshmen?
17. Any special rules/policies I should know of?
18. What about the phones, laundry, & parking?
19. Describe student/faculty relationships.
20. Is your institution accredited? By whom?
21. What's the school's Mission Statement?
22. Any plans for expansion or renovations?
23. Tell me about scholarships & grants.
24. How do I apply for financial aid?
25. How is a financial aid package received?
26. How many students?

### Some Questions to Ask Christian Colleges:

1. Must the students and professors sign a Statement of Faith?
2. What are the opportunities for spiritual growth through fellowship, discipleship, & outreach?
3. Are there church and/or chapel attendance requirements?
4. Is your college affiliated with any particular denomination?
5. How many different denominations are represented here?
6. How is God's Word integrated into the classroom environment?
7. Explain how rules, regulations, and policies reflect Biblical standards.

### Some Important Tips to Remember:

1. Take your SATs or ACTs two to three times (courses, books, & software on test preparation can help greatly).
  2. Complete your applications in the fall of your senior year.
  3. Visit the campus! (This will probably be the best indicator of whether the school's a good fit or not).
  4. Don't decide based on a major alone. (Most college students change majors 2 or 3 times.)
  5. Don't ever ignore a school because of initial cost; financial aid can change everything.
- **PRIORITIZE!** What 3 characteristics do you most desire in a school? Focus only on the schools that meet your criterion. If you do not prioritize, too many schools will "seem" too good for too long. Make a college or universities fit you—don't make yourself fit it!

# COLLEGE-PREP TIMELINE

If you are seriously considering going to college but are wondering *when* you should be doing *what*, keep reading...

## 10TH GRADE

- **Prepare** for the PSAT/SAT/ACT.
- Request information from colleges.
- Spend the summer after your sophomore year **researching** potential college choices.
  - Keep a **college journal** and record facts and impressions of each college you visit.
  - Determine the **5 qualities** you most desire in a college.

## 11TH GRADE

- Take the **PSAT, SAT** or **ACT**.
- Maintain or improve a strong GPA. Colleges place a heavy emphasis on junior year grades.
- Meet with admissions counselors when they visit your high school.
- **Visit** the colleges you are seriously considering and make sure you have their **application** and are on their **mailing list**.
- Attend Open House or Preview events.

## 12TH GRADE

### **September through December**

- Take the SAT or ACT again.
- Schedule your own visit or take advantage of the **open houses** at colleges where you plan to apply.
- Complete and submit admission applications. Be sure to **follow** each school's **directions** and be aware of **deadlines**.
- Maintain contact with your Admissions Counselor.

### **January**

- Complete and send the FAFSA form. This must be completed **BEFORE MAY 1** to qualify for state aid (for PA residents).
- Geneva recommends an earlier date of March 15.
- The colleges of your choosing will receive the FAFSA results from the Processing Center.
- The college financial aid office will not process your FAFSA results until you have been accepted at their school.

### **February through May**

- **Decision Time!!** If you have been accepted at more than one school, it is professional, common courtesy to notify **ALL** of the colleges of your decision.
- In order to officially select a college you will need to send in the **reply form with a monetary deposit**, and your signed **financial aid award letter**. Word of mouth is not enough to reserve space in the residence halls or classrooms.