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1. What type of institution best fits your unique interests:

- ☐ 4-Year
Liberal Arts Colleges and Universities
- Earn a Bachelor's Degree or Higher
 - Study a wide range of courses
- ☐ 2-Year
Community Colleges
- Earn an Associate's Degree
 - Affordable, prepares you for a career or 4-year institution
- ☐ 2-Year
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- Career-focused, Gen-Ed courses not required
 - Earn a Certificate of Completion or Associate's Degree
- ☐ Public
- ☐ Private, non-profit
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2. What size of institution best fits your unique needs:

- ☐ Small (Less than 5,000 students)
- ☐ Medium (5,000 - 20,000 students)
- ☐ Large (More than 20,000 students)

3. Are you interested in Distance Learning/Online programs at a college or university?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

4. Using your best fit major recommendations, research three colleges that interest you. Use the profile pages on MyMajors and school websites. Choose a Reach, Match and Safety school for comparison.

A **match school** is one in which your transcript mirrors that of the average freshman. Therefore, your GPA, test scores and coursework are all on par with those undergrads typically admitted.

Reach schools are colleges where your academic qualifications are below the average accepted student.

A **safety school** is one in which your academic credentials exceed those of the average accepted student.

College Comparison Chart	Match School:	Reach School:	Safety School:
Location (Distance from home, urban vs. suburban vs. rural)			
Size (Enrollment, physical size of campus)			
Environment (Type of school setting, religious affiliations)			
Admissions Requirements (Deadlines, tests required, avg. scores & GPAs)			
Academic (Your major is offered, HS courses required, typical class sizes)			

5. Get info about colleges that interest you. Use the "Request Info" button on the school's profile page or your school search list and they will send you more information



Find top tips to help you master the college essay so you can stand out where it matters most: the admissions office. Visit:

www.WowWritingWorkshop.com

COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST

FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Task to be Completed	Timeframe for Completion	Notes
COLLEGE PREP (during Junior year)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Find your best fit major	Jr Fall Semester	Go to MyMajors.com
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your counselor	Jr Fall Semester	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prep for admission tests	Jr Winter Semester	
COLLEGE SEARCH (during Junior year)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Research colleges	Jr Spring Semester	
<input type="checkbox"/> Make campus visits	Jr Spring/Summer Semester	
<input type="checkbox"/> Collect college information	Junior/Senior Year	
COLLEGE ADMISSION (during Senior year)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare college applications	September-October	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write your essays	September-October	Go to WowWritingWorkshop.com
<input type="checkbox"/> Get letters of recommendations	September-October	
<input type="checkbox"/> Submit college applications	November-January	
COLLEGE ADMISSION (during Senior year)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Compare college costs	November	
<input type="checkbox"/> Review financial aid options	November-January	
<input type="checkbox"/> Submit FAFSA and PROFILE	January	
<input type="checkbox"/> Apply for financial aid	May-September	



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ACTIVITY WORKSHEET

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Yes

No

Research Military Academies, ROTC programs and Military careers on MyMajors.com.

5. Based on your recommended majors, research three colleges or university profile pages and their websites. Below, write down the three schools and note one aspect that seems to make their campus and approach to your major unique.

a.

b.

c.

6. Using the "Request Info" button on either the school's profile page or on your unique list of schools, sign-up for more information online. You can also request more information by filling out the Reply Card in the middle of this book.

7. Ready to apply yet?

Many schools have online applications making it easy and fast to apply. In the space below, write down three schools that you are interested in applying to along with the deadline for admissions.

a.

b.

c.

RESEARCHED SOME SCHOOLS? NOW FIND A CAREER (STEP 3) »

**This Activity Worksheet is Part 2 in a 3-part process. If you have not completed Step 1, please go to MyMajors.com and take the MyMajors quiz to find your major and find a college.*



FIND A SCHOLARSHIP

ACTIVITY WORKSHEET

STEP 4: *MAKE YOUR EDUCATION PAY FOR ITSELF!

About 86 percent of students on MyMajors.com are looking for some kind of financial support while pursuing post-secondary options. Go online to MyMajors.com and click on the "Scholarships and Grants" link. Then, begin the process for researching two potential scholarships and, using the area below, write down the kind of information you will need when applying for these two scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP 1:

Scholarship Contact Information:

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

Amount of Scholarship (Award):

Checklist of items required for scholarship/award:

Scholarship Due Date:

SCHOLARSHIP 2:

Scholarship Contact Information:

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FIND A MAJOR

ACTIVITY WORKSHEET

STEP 1: START YOUR PATH TO COLLEGE AND CAREER SUCCESS!

Create your college and career pathway today and improve your odds of graduating college in 4 years. Only 40 percent of college freshmen graduate in 4 years.* While 74 percent of students with declared majors in college graduate on time.* This exercise will help you create your pathway. Follow the directions below and fill out your initial responses. Then, go online to MyMajors.com to complete the interactive process.

1. Write down three majors you find interesting and why:

a.

b.

c.

2. Go to MyMajors.com and complete the quiz, answering the questions as accurately as you can.

3. At the end of the quiz, you will receive your five recommended majors. In the space below, write the five majors in the order they are presented:

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

4. Which two recommended majors make the most sense to you? Why?

a.

b.

5. Which two recommended majors make the least sense to you? Why?

a.

b.

6. Are there any majors from question one on this page that were not recommended? Why do you think that MyMajors did not recommend that/those major(s)?

7. Pick one or two majors you are considering. And research your major(s) on MyMajors.com. Discover how your choice of major(s) can connect you to the right school and, later on, the right career.

#WhatsYourMajor

Tweet Your Results and MyMajors will Retweet You

 **@mymajors**

*Source: "Enrollment in Postsecondary Institutions, Fall 2008; Graduation Rates, 2002 and 2005 Cohorts; and Financial Statistics, Fiscal Year 2008," Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, NCES 2012-152 **Source: Institutional Research and Policy Studies, July 2002

GOT YOUR BEST-FIT MAJORS? NOW FIND A COLLEGE (STEP 2) »

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FIND A CAREER

ACTIVITY WORKSHEET

MAJOR 1:

Which related career appeals to you:

Click on Career you are interested in:

What are 3 things that an individual in this Career does?

Click on the "Skills" Tab:

What 3 types of skills are required for this career?

Click on the "Salary" Tab:

What is the Median Annual Wage and Median Hourly Wage for this career?

Click on the "Schools" Tab:

Does this Career match a College you are interested in?

YES

NO

If Yes, have you clicked the "Request Info" button for more information?

If No, are there other Colleges that you would like to be Matched to?

MAJOR 2:

Which related career appeals to you:

Click on Career you are interested in:

What are 3 things that an individual in this Career does?

Click on the "Skills" Tab:

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SCHOOL COST COMPARISON

Enter the estimated costs for each school. Schools must tell all applicants how much it will cost to attend their school for each academic year. Schools determine costs based upon average budgets that students spend for the following categories:



School Tuition and Fees:

The per cost per student to attend class and the use of facilities, labs, libraries and all other related services.

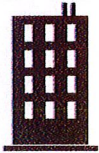
	College 1	College 2	College 3
\$			
Notes:			



Books and Supplies:

The estimated cost for books and supplies. These items may include your own personal computer and other electronic devices.

\$			
Notes:			



Room and Board:

The estimated cost for housing and food if you live in a residence hall; if you live off campus, monthly food expenses will need to be estimated. Include costs for lunches and snacks.

\$			
Notes:			



Transportation:

The estimated cost for 2-3 round trips from your home to school; if you live with your parents, the estimated commuting costs will need to be calculated. If you have an automobile, you need to estimate monthly gas, insurance, and other maintenance. Also note any public transportation costs, if any.

\$			
Notes:			



Personal Living Expenses:

The estimated cost for clothing, grooming supplies, laundry and limited entertainment. Note that these costs may be similar among schools. But some localities may be more expensive.

\$			
Notes:			



Miscellaneous:

Any other expenses that you can identify with your school's Financial Aid Office

\$			
Notes:			



Total:

\$			
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FINANCIAL AID COMPARISON

Enter the estimated financial aid you will receive from each school. Financial aid amounts will be listed in the Financial Award Letter from each of the schools to which you were admitted.

	College 1	College 2	College 3
Government Grants:	\$	\$	\$
Includes the PELL , FSEOG, Academic and SMART grants.	Notes:		
School Grants:	\$	\$	\$
Includes any special grants the school may offer for academic or skill performance	Notes:		
School Scholarships:	\$	\$	\$
Includes any scholarships the school may offer for academic, athletic, artistic or other performance	Notes:		
Work-Study Programs:	\$	\$	\$
Includes the federal work-study programs where you will get paid for services performed.	Notes:		
Government Student Loans:	\$	\$	\$
Includes government Stafford loans for both undergraduate and graduate students. Also includes the GRAD Plus loan for graduates.	Notes:		
Academic Work:	\$	\$	\$
Some schools will waive tuition or other fees for services in various departments.	Notes:		
Other School Aid:	\$	\$	\$
Any other aid the school will provide. May include any private scholarships awarded.	Notes:		
Total:	\$	\$	\$