



# Selecting a College Type



## Elite Colleges

- You have stellar grades and admissions test scores
- You are very competitive and are driven to excell.
- You want to go to an impressive name brand college
- You are not concerned about the cost of your education and are willing to take on significant debt.
- You are OK with moving far away from home to go to a prestigious university
- You want good networking opportunities for excellent entry level job placement
- You want to study with the best professors in your major
- You are not intimidated with studying with many people who are possibly smarter than you

## Public Ivy College

- You have excellent grades and admissions test scores
- You are competitive and a resourceful, well motivated student and can find your way through a maze
- You want an excellent education from your home state's flagship public university
- You can afford in-state tuition since public ivy schools offer little financial aid
- You want to study relatively close to home
- You would like going to a college where you will recognize many faces from Chicagoland area
- You accept having graduate students as professors for many lower level classes of 400 or more students
- You can deal with fairly intense academic pressure
- You are not distracted by many activities, greek parties, and lots of students

## State Colleges

- You have average to above average grades & test scores
- You want to go to a school that is bigger than your high school - you believe that bigger is better
- You understand that it may take 5 years to graduate due to less counselling & course availability
- You know your grades will not qualify you for merit scholarships and want the best deal
- You want to study relatively close to home
- You would like to have many high school friends around you when you go to college
- You don't mind large lecture halls with graduate students as professors
- You realize that college will require out of class study and more academic pressure than high school
- You look forward to a fun campus life with Greek life, activities & parties

## Private Liberal Arts Colleges

- You have good grades and test scores
- You work well in cooperative academic teams & like subjective testing and doing presentations
- You want to be an active participant in sports and activities rather than just a spectator
- You have good grades and believe these large endowments will make your education affordable
- You are independent and will go to the location of the college that meets your goals
- You want to be a big fish in a small pond
- You want to be known by name by your professors
- You want to graduate in 4 years
- You are politically, socially, and culturally active

## Community College

- You may have below average grades and are concerned about admission to a 4-year college
- You want to take general education requirements at a low cost and transfer to a 4-year college
- You would like to go to the #1 college choice of NCHS grads
- You want a personal education at the lowest cost
- You plan to live at home & commute
- You want to go to a local college with many high school friends
- You will meet non-traditional older students and have qualified professors from their field of expertise
- You are looking for the least stressful college class environment