



# PARENT'S GUIDE TO COLLEGE TOURS

## COLLEGE TOUR CHECKLIST

Visiting a college campus can help your student get a better feel for what life is like at college. Because there is a lot to consider, it can be overwhelming. Your student may not be thinking about some of the critical questions that will help him/her make their decision. Use this guide to help compare colleges with your student and decide which is the best fit for him/her. Remember this is your student's visit and ultimately his/her decision.

### BEFORE YOUR TOUR

- Browse the school's website, campus blogs, and social media pages.
- Prepare any questions you have ahead of time.
- Chat with your student about what they want in a school and any questions in advance.

### DURING YOUR TOUR

- Take pictures to remember what things look like and to jog your memory as you are comparing schools later.
- Chat with someone in the admissions office.
- Chat with someone in the financial aid office.
- Visit the career center.
- Get the names and business cards of people you meet, so you can contact them later if you have questions.
- Walk or drive around the surrounding neighborhood/off-campus housing.
- Take notes!

### AFTER YOUR TOUR

- Sit down with your student and review notes.
- Reach out to the people you spoke with on the tour with any follow-up questions.
- Chat with your student about his/her financial plan.

