#### West Virginia Singled Out: Building a College List

Title/Name of Lesson	West Virginia Singled Out: Building a College List
Grade Level(s)	10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> grade students
Materials Needed	<ul> <li>Instructions</li> </ul>
	College preference cards
	<ul> <li>WV college information cards (double-sided)</li> </ul>
	Computer or tablet for each student
Main Idea/Question	This activity demonstrates how CFWV.com helps narrow a large group of colleges into
	a manageable list of potential options. Following the group activity, students will use
	CFWV.com to develop a college list for further research.
Lesson Introduction	Discuss important factors students consider when deciding on colleges to learn about
	or considering adding to their college lists. There is no need to go into detail at this
	time, which will come as the activity moves along. Here are a few questions to help
	guide the discussion:
	1. What are the first things you think about when someone asks what you like
	about colleges?
	2. Think about when you have visited a college campus. What did you see or
	learn that you liked most?  3. What are the most important things to you when choosing a college?
Lesson Agenda/Procedure	After the discussion.
Lesson Agenda/ Procedure	1. Choose the PICKER.
	2. The rest will be volunteers in the COLLEGE POOL.
	3. Give the PREFERENCE CARDS to the PICKER. Ask them to look through the
	cards and put them in order of importance. For example, they should put that
	card on the top if the location is most important to them.
	4. Randomly hand out one COLLEGE CARD (double-sided) to each member of
	the COLLEGE POOL. Ask them to stand in a group facing the audience and to
	hold the card so the group can see the name and logo of the college and the
	volunteers can see the characteristics.
	Note for instruction:
	Have you ever heard someone equate the college search process with dating and
	marriage? Students "meet" several colleges, discover what they like or don't like, and
	ultimately commit to one. One of the first steps in the college search and dating is to
	narrow the pool of potential options.
	Just like in the old dating game show SINGLED OUT, which appeared on MTV in the
	1990s, it's time to narrow down our own pool. Only this time, our students are
	working with colleges rather than dating options.
	Our students have thousands of colleges in the US to choose from. It's time to help
	them determine what characteristics matter to them most and narrow the college list
	to a more management number. This activity uses the Singled Out gameplay to
	simulate a college search engine in an in-person, interactive opportunity to experience
	how a search engine uses students' interests to sift through thousands of colleges and
	produces a manageable list for them to research further on cfwv.com.
	The Play:
	5. The PICKER reads the bolded question on their first preference card and
	states which choice(s) they prefer. They can choose to keep 1, 2, or all
	options. Remind them that making some choices is important because the



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goal is to find colleges that will fit them well. Doing so requires ideas about what type of environment or experience they want.  6. After the PICKER states their preference, the members of the COLLEGE POOL review the information on the back of their cards. If their college does not meet the PICKER's preference, they are eliminated and should sit down or leave the front of the room.  7. Continue play until 6-10 colleges remain in the pool. If one preference card eliminates so many colleges that fewer than 6 remain, ask the PICKER if they are flexible about that preference. If so, invite the last group of eliminated colleges to return to the pool. The PICKER then moves on to the next preference card.  8. When the COLLEGE POOL has been narrowed to 6-10, ask the pool members to read their fun facts. For each college, the PICKER decides whether they like the fun fact. If they do, the college remains in the pool. If they do not, the college is eliminated.  9. The final remaining colleges are the PICKER's College List.  10. Repeat play with a new PICKER to show that different preferences result in different final lists.  Closing Activity  As the game concludes, students will notice that the PICKER did not have an opportunity to select all the things that might be important to a student when researching colleges. Ask students for examples of other characteristics that are important to them.  The answers will vary, but all are valid. Please ensure that items such as academic programs and costs are included in the list.  Students can then research their final lists on cfwv.com and apply to top schools.  Options:  Blank cards are also provided if you would prefer that students do the initial research themselves. Additionally, specific career and tech centers from your region can be included.		
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Martinsburg, WV

This area is: Small Town

Number of students: 2,100-2,200

This is a:
Public School

Is this a religious college?
No

#### Blue Ridge Community & Technical College

What degrees can I earn?

Certificate or License

Associate's or 2-year degree

Bachelor's or 4-year degree

Can students live on campus?

Answer: No

Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **No**Cheering on the big team? **No** 

#### **FUN FACT**

The college was original located in the basement floor of a residence hall on Shepherd's campus. In 2001, BRCTC moved its campus to Martinsburg.







Bethany, WV

This area is: Rural

Number of students: 700-775

This is a:
Private School

Is this a religious college? Yes

#### **Bethany College**

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Can students live on campus?

Answer: Most live on campus.

Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **Yes**Cheering on the big team? **Yes** 

#### **FUN FACT**

96% of Bethany's students are employed or in graduate school 6 months after graduation.





### Bethany College



Bluefield, WV

This area is: Rural

Number of students: 1,250-1,300

This is a:
Public School

#### Is this a religious college?

**No,** but Student Activities works with faith-based student organizations and ministries in the area.

#### **Bluefield State University**

#### What degrees can I earn?

Certificate or LicenseAssociate's or 2-year degree

Bachelor's or 4-year degree

Can students live on campus?

Answer: Student housing is available. All freshmen must live on campus.

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **Yes**Cheering on the big team? **Yes** 

#### **FUN FACT**

BSU is recognized as one of the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and one of two in West Virginia.



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South Charleston, WV

This area is: Suburb

Number of students: 1,750-1,800

This is a: Public School

**No**, but there are faith-based student clubs.

#### **BridgeValley Community**& Technical Center

#### What degrees can I earn?

Certificate or License

Associate's or 2-year degree

Bachelor's or 4-year degree

#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: No

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **No**Cheering on the big team? **No** 

#### **FUN FACT**

BVCTC has two campuses: one in South Charleston and the other in Montgomery. Students who attend either campus ride the city bus for FREE through the FREE KRT BUS PASS Pilot program!







Athens, WV

This area is: Rural

Number of students: 1,775-1,850

This is a: Public School

Is this a religious college?
No, but there are faith-based student organizations and clubs.

#### **Concord University**

#### What degrees can I earn?

- Certificate or License
- Associate's or 2-year degree
- Bachelor's or 4-year degree

#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: All unmarried, traditional-aged undergraduates who have yet to receive prior permission to commute are required to live on campus.

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **Yes**Cheering on the big team? **Yes** 

#### **FUN FACT**

Concord University has the largest library in southern West Virginia! J. Frank Marsh Library houses a television studio and radio station!



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Elkins, WV

This area is: Rural

Number of students: 700-775

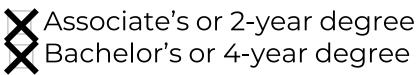
This is a: **Private School** 

**No,** but there are faith-based organizations and clubs.

#### **Davis & Elkins College**

#### What degrees can I earn?

Certificate or License



#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: Yes. All students are required to live on campus except students commuting from home, married students, students with children, students with a need for facilities that the college is unable to provide, or independent students over 23 years of age.

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **Yes**Cheering on the big team? **Yes** 

#### **FUN FACT**

Just over 700 students from 32 states attend Davis and Elkins!



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Moorefield, WV

This area is: Rural

Number of students: 400-425

This is a:
Public School

Is this a religious college?

#### **Eastern WV Community** & Technical College

#### What degrees can I earn?

Certificate or License

Associate's or 2-year degree

Bachelor's or 4-year degree

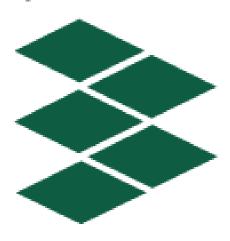
#### Can students live on campus?

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **No**Cheering on the big team? **No** 

#### **FUN FACT**

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College has a board game club called Board at College Club. They meet once a month to play board games, meet new people, and snack!



#### Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College





Fairmont, WV

This area is: Small Town

Number of students: 3,300-3,350

This is a: Public School

**No,** but there are faith-based organizations and clubs.

#### **Fairmont State University**

#### What degrees can I earn?

Certificate or License

Associate's or 2-year degree

Bachelor's or 4-year degree

#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: Yes. Students are required to live on campus for 4 consecutive semesters.

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **Yes**Cheering on the big team? **Yes** 

#### **FUN FACT**

FSU also includes the Gaston Caperton Center in Clarksburg and the Robert C. Byrd National Aerospace Education Center in Bridgeport. When touring the main campus in Fairmont, be sure to visit just a few miles south.



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Glenville, WV

This area is: Rural

Number of students: 1,650-1,675

This is a:
Public School

**No,** but there are faith-based organizations and clubs.

#### **Glenville State University**

#### What degrees can I earn?

Certificate or License

Associate's or 2-year degree
Bachelor's or 4-year degree

#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: Yes. All full-time students must live on campus unless granted an exemption.

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **Yes**Cheering on the big team? **Yes** 

#### **FUN FACT**

Channing Tatum attended and played football for Glenville State University. Now he's a famous movie star!







#### Huntington, WV

This area is: Urban

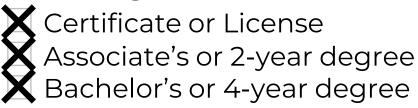
Number of students: 11,200-11,500

This is a: Public School

**No,** but there are faith-based organizations and clubs.

#### **Marshall University**

#### What degrees can I earn?



#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: Yes. All freshman & sophomore students are required to live on campus.

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **Yes**Cheering on the big team? **Yes** 

#### **FUN FACT**

Marshall has ten residence halls, several of which are dedicated to first-year students!







Huntington, WV

This area is: Urban

Number of students: 1,475-1,525

This is a:
Public School

**No,** but there are faith-based organizations and clubs.

#### Mountwest Community & Technical College

#### What degrees can I earn?

Certificate or License

Associate's or 2-year degree

Bachelor's or 4-year degree

#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: No

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **No**Cheering on the big team? **No** 

#### **FUN FACT**

MWCTC's Aviation Maintenance Technology program received its formal FAA certification. Students can attend the program for an 8-month, year-round program and receive an associate degree, which allows them to take the Federal Aviation Administration's Airframe and Powerplant certification exam.



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Beaver, WV

This area is: Rural

Number of students: 1,250-1,300

This is a:
Public School

Is this a religious college?

#### New River Community & Technical College

#### What degrees can I earn?

Certificate or License

Associate's or 2-year degree

Bachelor's or 4-year degree

#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: No

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **No**Cheering on the big team? **No** 

#### **FUN FACT**

Several programs offered at NRCTC allow students to continue their education at partnering four-year institutions. 14 bachelor's degree career paths have been developed to allow NR graduates to build on their associate's degree and earn a bachelor's degree through the WVU system.



## Community and Technical College | JEW RIVER



Fairmont, WV

This area is: Small Town

Number of students: 1,900-1,975

This is a:
Public School

Is this a religious college?

#### **Pierpont Community** & Technical College

#### What degrees can I earn?

Certificate or License

Associate's or 2-year degree

Bachelor's or 4-year degree

#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: No

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **No**Cheering on the big team? **No** 

#### **FUN FACT**

PCTC is one of a few colleges in West Virginia where a student can go to earn a Vet Tech degree. If helping animals is something you want to do when you grow up, Pierpont is the way to go!







Keyser, WV

This area is: Suburb

Number of students: 1,150-1,200

This is a:
Public School

**No,** but there are faith-based organizations and clubs.

#### Potomac State College of West Virginia University

#### What degrees can I earn?

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Associate's or 2-year degree
Bachelor's or 4-year degree

#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: Yes, full-time, single students are required to live on campus. Married students, custodial parents, or students who are 21 years of age by the first day of classes may be exempt.

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **Yes**Cheering on the big team? **Yes** 

#### **FUN FACT**

Potomac State College of WVU is ranked one of the least expensive four-year schools to go to in all the United States!

## West Virginia University. Potomec state college





Shepherdstown, WV

This area is: Small Town

Number of students: 3,300-3,400

This is a: Public School

**No,** but there are faith-based organizations and clubs.

#### **Shepherd University**

#### What degrees can I earn?

Certificate or LicenseAssociate's or 2-year degreeBachelor's or 4-year degree

#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: Yes. All students are required to live on campus while enrolled unless they are approved for an exception.

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **Yes**Cheering on the big team? **Yes** 

#### **FUN FACT**

Shepherd University is home to the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies. At the center, students can study the U.S. Congress, the Constitution, and how our government works!



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Logan, WV

This area is: Rural

Number of students: 1,450-1,550

This is a:
Public School

Is this a religious college?

#### Southern WV Community & Technical College

#### What degrees can I earn?

Certificate or License

Associate's or 2-year degree

Bachelor's or 4-year degree

#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: No

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **No**Cheering on the big team? **No** 

#### **FUN FACT**

Southern is home to the Early College Academy, a program for high school students to participate in college courses on campus and online at Southern. These students can earn an associate's degree while they also earn their high school diploma.







Charleston, WV

This area is: Suburban

Number of students: 3,000-3,100

This is a: **Private School** 

**No,** but there are faith-based organizations and clubs.

#### **University of Charleston**

#### What degrees can I earn?

Certificate or License

Associate's or 2-year degree

Bachelor's or 4-year degree

#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: Yes. All students are required to live on campus unless they meet a specific exemption.

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **Yes**Cheering on the big team? **Yes** 

#### **FUN FACT**

Almost all the students who graduate from the University of Charleston and have to take additional tests to become qualified in their professions pass the very first time! UC does an excellent job of preparing students for what comes next!







West Liberty, WV

This area is: Rural

Number of students: 2,300-2,350

This is a:
Public School

**No,** but there are faith-based clubs and organizations.

#### **West Liberty University**

#### What degrees can I earn?

Certificate or License

Associate's or 2-year degree

Bachelor's or 4-year degree

#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: Yes, but 60% live off campus.

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **Yes**Cheering on the big team? **Yes** 

#### **FUN FACT**

West Liberty is one of the oldest schools in West Virginia. It was first opened in 1837! It is also named after the town where it is located.



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Institute, WV

This area is: Small Town

Number of students: 3,600-3,650

This is a: Public School

**No,** but there are faith-based organizations and clubs.

#### West Virginia State University

#### What degrees can I earn?

Certificate or LicenseAssociate's or 2-year degreeBachelor's or 4-year degree

Can students live on campus?

Answer: Yes. All first-year

students must live on campus.

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **Yes**Cheering on the big team? **Yes** 

#### **FUN FACT**

WVSU is one of WV's two HBCUs, or historically black colleges or universities. In 1890, what is now WVSU was one of 19 schools designed to provide education for men of color in agriculture and the mechanical arts.







Wheeling, WV

This area is: Small Town

Number of students: 1,250-1,300

This is a: Public School

**No,** but there are faith-based organizations and clubs.

## WV Northern Community & Technical College

#### What degrees can I earn?

Certificate or License

Associate's or 2-year degree

Bachelor's or 4-year degree

#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: No

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **No**Cheering on the big team? **No** 

#### **FUN FACT**

The main campus is housed in the former Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Terminal at Wheeling.







Morgantown, WV

This area is: Urban

Number of students: 24,000-24,500

This is a:
Public School

**No,** but there are faith-based organizations and clubs.

#### **West Virginia University**

#### What degrees can I earn?

Certificate or License
 Associate's or 2-year degree
 Bachelor's or 4-year degree

#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: Yes. All undergraduate students with less than 24 credit hours must live on campus.

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **Yes**Cheering on the big team? **Yes** 

#### **FUN FACT**

Lady Gaga's mother was a head cheerleader at WVU! Gaga was "Born This Way" to be a Mountaineer fan!



## West Virginia University.



Parkersburg, WV

This area is: Small Town

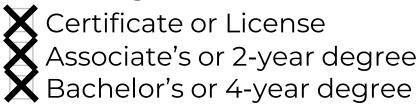
Number of students: 2,575-2,650

This is a: Public School

Is this a religious college?
No

## West Virginia University at Parkersburg

#### What degrees can I earn?



#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: No

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **No**Cheering on the big team? **No** 

#### **FUN FACT**

West Virginia University at Parkersburg has its own radio station! Be sure to tune into WPKM 96.3 THE BEET! This station is entirely student-run and provides the community with entertaining and educational radio with a wide array of music, news, and talk radio!



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Beckley, WV

This area is: Small Town

Number of students: 1,400-1,450

This is a: Public School

**No,** but there are faith-based organizations and clubs

## West Virginia University Institute of Technology

#### What degrees can I earn?

Certificate or License
 Associate's or 2-year degree
 Bachelor's or 4-year degree

#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: Yes, all full-time students with fewer than 59 credit hours are required to live on campus.

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **No**Cheering on the big team? **Yes** 

#### **FUN FACT**

WVU Tech has one of the top engineering programs in the country!







Buckhannon, WV

This area is: Small Town

Number of students: 1,175-1,225

This is a: **Private School** 

**Yes,** it is closely related to The United Methodist Church.

#### West Virginia Wesleyan College

#### What degrees can I earn?

Certificate or License
 Associate's or 2-year degree
 Bachelor's or 4-year degree

#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: All undergraduate students are required to live on campus for all four years.

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **Yes**Cheering on the big team? **Yes** 

#### **FUN FACT**

Every single 2023 nursing graduate of Wesleyan passed their licensing exam on the first attempt!







Wheeling, WV

This area is: Suburban

Number of students: 800-1,000

This is a:
Private School

**Yes,** it is affiliated with the Catholic Church.

#### **Wheeling University**

#### What degrees can I earn?

X Certificate or License

Associate's or 2-year degree

X Bachelor's or 4-year degree

#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: Yes. Full-time undergraduate students are required to live on campus.

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **No**Cheering on the big team? **Yes** 

#### **FUN FACT**

Wheeling University remains the only campusbased Catholic institution of higher education in West Virginia, but it welcomes students of all backgrounds and faiths.



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Statewide, WV

This area is: Urban, Rural, Small Town

Number of students: Many

This is a: Public School

Is this a religious college?

#### **Career & Technical Centers**

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X Certificate or License

Associate's or 2-year degree

Bachelor's or 4-year degree

## Can students live on campus?

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **No**Cheering on the big team? **No** 

#### **FUN FACT**

90% of the students that enroll in a Career and Technical Center graduate!







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This area is: Worldwide

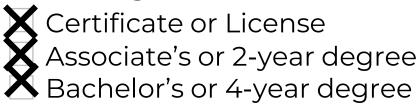
Number of students: Army, Navy, Marines, Airforce, Coast Guard

This is a: Branch of the armed forces

Is this a religious college?

#### **Military Partners**

#### What degrees can I earn?



#### Can students live on campus?

Answer: **Barracks or military** housing

#### Can I participate in ...

Fraternities or sororities? **No**Cheering on the big team? **No** 

#### **FUN FACT**

Individuals who serve in the military can earn money to go to college through the GI Bill and other veterans' benefits.







#### **Preference Cards**

The top of each card has a topic or category. Read each category and put the cards in order of importance to you. The category that matters the most to you should be on top, and the categories that don't matter to you should be on the bottom.



There are many different ways to participate in sports in college. Many students like to be able to support their school teams. Do you want to be able to watch competitive matches?

- Yes
- No, or it doesn't matter to me

Choose your option.

If you would like to watch (or play) competitive athletics, say:

"If your college does not have varsity teams or play in the NCAA or NAIA, please sit down."

If you do not care, say:

"Everyone can stay in the pool."



## **Campus Housing**

Some colleges have residence halls or dorms, and some do not. Some colleges require students to live on campus for one or more years. What kind of options do you want your college to have?

- I want my college to have campus housing.
- I want my college to have campus housing, and it's okay if it is required for one or more years.
- I do not need my college to have campus housing.

Chose 1 or 2 options and say:

"Some people live on campus when they are in college. Some do not. For me... (read the choices you agree with). If I cannot do this at your college, please sit down."



#### **Fraternities & Sororities**

Fraternities and sororities are sometimes called the "Greek System." They are social organizations formed around common goals and aspirations. Students who participate in "Greek Life" make a lifetime commitment to the group. Some colleges have these student groups, and some do not. No one is required to join. Do you want to join a fraternity or sorority in college?

- I would like to be a member of a fraternity or sorority.
- I would not like to be a member of a fraternity or sorority.

Choose your option.

If you would like to be in a fraternity or sorority, say:

"If I cannot participate in the "Greek System" at your college, please sit down."

If you would not like to be in a fraternity or sorority, say:

"Everyone can stay in the pool."



## **Population**

There are colleges of all different sizes. How big do you want your college to be?

- Less than 5,000 students
- 5,000 to 10,000 students
- More than 10,000 students

Chose 1 or 2 options and say:

"I want my college to have... (read the choices you agree with). If your college does not have this number of students, please sit down."



## **Types of Degrees**

What kind of credential or degree do you want to earn in college? Sometimes, we refer to this as the average amount of time it takes to complete school.

- I want to earn a license or certificate, which usually takes less than two years.
- I want to earn an associate's degree, which usually takes two years.
- I want to earn a bachelor's degree, which usually takes four years.

Chose 1 or 2 options and say:

"Colleges offer different types of degrees, and... (read the choices you agree with). If your college does not offer these types of degrees, please sit down."



## Religion

Do you want to practice your faith with others in your college? There are many different ways this can happen. Some colleges are religious and connected to a charge or other faith community. Some colleges are not religious but have clubs where students can meet others who share their faith. How much religious influence do you want at your college?

- I want my college to be religious.
- I do not want my college to be religious.
- I do not want my college to be religious, but I would like to be able to participate in religious student clubs.

Choose 1 or 2 options and say:

"Some colleges are religious and (read the choices you agree with). If your college is not this, please sit down."



#### **Public or Private**

Public colleges are government-funded, while private colleges rely more on tuition and endowments and are usually more expensive. Often, public institutions offer a wider array of programs and course offerings. Do you want your college to be public or private?

- Public
- Private

Make your choice and say:

"I want my college to be (read your choice you agree with). If your college is not this, please sit down."



### **Environment**

What kind of environment do you want to live in during college?

- A city
- The suburbs
- A small town
- The country

Choose 1, 2, or 3 of these option(s) and say:

"I want to live in...(read your choice you agree with). If your college is not in one of these areas, please sit down."



#### Distance from home

How close to home do you want your college to be?

- I want to live at home and walk, drive, or take public transportation to campus.
- I want to be close enough to drive home for breaks and holidays.
- It's okay if I need to get on a plane to go to college.

Choose 1 or 2 options and say:

"Find where your school is on the map. I want to be able to ... (read the choices you agree with). If I cannot do those things from your college, please sit down."



## **Military**

Do you want to enlist in the military?

- I want join the military
- I do not want to join the military.
- I might want to join the military.

Choose 1 or 2 options and say:

"I want to.... (read the choices you agree with). If your card doesn't agree with this, sit down."