

CFWV College Fair Tip Sheet

Before the Fair

- Think about what you are looking for in a college.
 - Do you want to attend an extra-large, large, medium, or small size school?
 - What majors are you interested in?
 - Do you want to go to an urban, suburban, or rural school?
 - Do you want to attend a 2-year, 4-year, religiously affiliated, or career tech ed school?
 - Do you want to participate in athletics, clubs, fraternities or sororities, or special programs such as study abroad?
 - Other items to consider and ask about: student housing options, availability of transportation, the average class size, specific questions about programs and majors and specific institutional financial aid that may be available.
- Make a list of questions to ask the college representatives ahead of time. Try to think of questions that are insightful and not easily answered from the college website or cfwv.com.
- Save yourself time now and register online to create a personal barcode that college representatives can scan! This will keep you from filling out info cards repeatedly at each table you visit. Register here: <https://app.strivescan.com/visit>

At the Fair

- Be sure to visit the CFWV table to grab a bag for all the college materials that you collect.
- While at the CFWV table, opt into the Txt-4-Success program by texting “CFWV” to 304-921-CFWV (2398) to begin receiving special text messaging services like college tips, important reminders, and real time help from a college access advisor.
- Visit schools that match or are a close match to your preferences.
- Ask the same questions to each college representative you visit. It will help you compare them.
- Make sure each college representative that you visit scans your barcode so that you can receive additional information from that postsecondary institution or military branch.
- Take notes about the information you have gathered.
- Get out of your comfort zone. Don't just walk to the well-known schools.
- Apply to schools that are of interest to you as many of them will provide fee waivers during the college fair.
- Be sure to head back to the CFWV table to find out information about the Promise Scholarship, WV Higher Ed Grant, WV Invests Grant, and all financial aid information!

After the Fair

- Review the information (brochures, handouts, pamphlets) you gathered to help you narrow down your college choices.
- If you applied to a college during the College Fair, be sure to follow up with any additional information and paperwork that is required.