

Getting Ready for the Transfer Fair

Make a plan before you attend the Fair

- Find out which colleges will attend the fair (posted online, in the B-Building lobby and in Life Map).
- Make a list of the colleges you are already considering. Visit their websites and write down your questions.
- Also make a list of the colleges you never heard of before and visit their website. Plan to stop by their table. It could be the school you end up transferring too!
- Be prepared; bring a pen, paper and a bag to hold college brochures. Dress well and use an appropriate email.

While you're at the Fair

- Visit colleges from your list, but stop by other colleges – you may stumble onto a great college you hadn't considered.
- Ask the questions from your list and inquire about open houses to visit their campus. Gather information about the colleges and your program.
- Jot down information you collect before moving on to the next table so you don't forget.

Possible questions to ask at the Fair or during college visits:

- What is the application deadline for transfer students? Application fee?
- What application is required? Common Application or the school's own online application?
- Can you use the MassTransfer application?
- Do you need a letter(s) of recommendations? How many?
- Is there a minimum GPA for your desired major? How competitive is your desired major/school?
- What are the course requirements for your desired major?
- What student activities are available: athletics, clubs, honor programs etc.?
- What are the tuition and fees at each school? Which school is least expensive? Is financial aid available? If so, do you qualify? Use [Net Price Calculator Tools](https://collegecost.ed.gov/netpricecenter.aspx). <https://collegecost.ed.gov/netpricecenter.aspx>
- What are the requirements and deadlines to apply for financial aid? What about scholarships?
- How can the American Student Assistance Program help you? Stop by their table or visit them online at asa.org

When you get home

- Ask yourself which colleges stood out and why.
- Organize the college materials you collected and review it that week while it's fresh in your mind.
- Discard pamphlets of colleges you're ruled out so you can focus on the colleges you're truly interested in.
- Do more research on the colleges you are considering.
- Explore websites, contact their admission office and schedule a campus visit.

Use this chart to keep college information organized when visiting the Transfer Fair or college websites.

Find 6 Colleges or Universities that offer your intended major.				
Find 3 Schools that are Public	Admission Requirements (Example: college transcript, letter(s) of recommendation), minimum GPA.	Tuition & Fees	Financial Aid & Scholarships	Application Deadlines
1.				
2.				
3.				
Find 3 Schools that are Private	Admission Requirements (Example: college transcript, letter(s) of recommendation), minimum GPA.	Tuition & Fees	Financial Aid & Scholarships	Application Deadlines
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