



What Matters to Us

Student's sheet: what I am looking for

Curtis College Prep

STUDENT'S PRIVATE SHEET. Fill it out alone. Do not look at the other sheet until you are both done.

For each row mark ONE box. Must have = I would not go without it. Nice to have = it would be good. Skip = I don't care. Be honest: there are no wrong answers. When you are both done, take your sheets to the shared page.

Name: _____

Date: _____

WHAT I AM LOOKING FOR	MUST HAVE	NICE TO HAVE	SKIP
Cost and financial aid What can realistically be paid per year	☐	☐	☐
Distance from home How far is OK? Can trips home be afforded?	☐	☐	☐
School size Small, medium or large classes and campus	☐	☐	☐
Majors and programs The subjects to be studied	☐	☐	☐
Campus setting City, suburb, small town or rural	☐	☐	☐
Belonging and community Students, culture and groups to connect with	☐	☐	☐
Academic support Advising, tutoring, first-gen programs	☐	☐	☐
Jobs after graduation Graduation rate, career help, earnings	☐	☐	☐
Research and honors Challenge, internships, special programs	☐	☐	☐
Activities and sports Clubs, teams, arts	☐	☐	☐
Housing and food Dorm options, meal plans, living costs	☐	☐	☐
Faith or cultural life Worship, traditions, identity centers	☐	☐	☐
Other: _____	☐	☐	☐
Other: _____	☐	☐	☐

My top 3, in order (look at your Must have rows)

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

My biggest worry about this: _____



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Parent / guardian's sheet: what I am looking for

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1. Where we agree and where we differ

Now that you have both finished, lay your sheets side by side. Rows you both marked Must have are your starting point. Rows where your answers do not match are the best things to talk about.

Topic: _____ Student wants: _____ Parent wants: _____

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Ways to talk it through: What is the worry behind that answer? What would have to be true for us both to feel OK? Which one can we test with a campus visit?

2. Our top 5, in order

Look at each person's top 3 and the rows you both marked Must have. Together, pick the five that matter most and rank them. These become the filters you use on the Curtis College Prep search page.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

3. Our real limits

Most we can pay per year: _____ Money we have saved: _____

Grants / scholarships expected: _____ Loans we are comfortable with: _____

Farthest from home (miles or hours): _____ Deal breakers: _____

Use net price, not sticker price

The price on a school's website is rarely what a family pays. Most schools must offer a free net price calculator. Our school profiles link to it and show typical net price by income bracket. Many schools also give application-fee waivers if you ask; cost should never stop you from applying.

4. Next steps

- ☐ Search schools on curtiscollege.com using our top 5
- ☐ Save 8 to 12 schools to our tracker (a mix of reach, target and safety)
- ☐ Print a Campus Visit Scorecard for each school we visit or tour online
- ☐ Fill in the College Comparison Grid for our top 4