

# Getting Ready for the Transfer Fair

## Make a plan before you attend the fair

- Find out which colleges may be at the fair (available online at [bhcc.edu/transfer](http://bhcc.edu/transfer)).
- Make a list of the colleges you are already considering. Visit their websites and write down your questions.
- Also make a list of 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 to!
- Be prepared; bring a pen, paper and a bag to hold college brochures. Dress well, use 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 additional information about the colleges and your program.
- Jot down any information you have collected 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 schools 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: track, football, 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.edu.gov/netpricescenter.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](http://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.

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