**COLLEGE CHOICE REFLECTION**

**WRITING INSTRUCTIONS**

# Now let’s write! Think about the college research you’ve done the past couple of days. Taking into account the “6 Questions To Ask Yourself When Choosing a College” … rank the colleges you researched! Which is the best fit and why?

# Your response should include references to the important deciding factors:

* Ideal location?
* School size fits?
* Wait, how much is this going to cost? (Can my family afford it?)
* Meets academic/professional interests? (…and can you get in?)
* Fits with the kind of social life are you looking for?
* Can you see yourself happy here?

I’m looking for a thoughtful response that is at least three paragraphs long. Here’s a short breakdown I’ve what I’d like to see you talk about in your typed response:

* + *Paragraph One*: Tell me what you’re writing about! What did you spend the last few days doing and why is it important? Reflective writing needs a solid intro so give me one.
  + *Paragraph Two (but could include extra paragraphs if you find yourself having a lot to say)*: Explain your rankings. This is where you get into the meat of your research. What is your top choice and why? Are your other choices close? What puts some schools in front of other schools? Be sure to relate this section to the 6 questions from up above as much as possible.
  + *Paragraph Three*: Sum it up! Did this research cement ideas you already had? Did you find new schools or narrow things down a bit because of this extra time to do some research and reflecting? Are you seriously considering applying to any of these schools during your senior year? Reflective writing needs a great conclusion, so wrap this up properly.