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**CollegeBoard Investigation Assignment**

Collegeboard.org is an informative website designed to help high school students look into college requirements and majors and utilize SAT resources. This assignment is due the day after Thanksgiving break.

Go to [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

Click on College Planning.

Click on Paying for College and explore those options.

1. How much was given by the federal government last year through grants, work-study funds, and low-interest loans? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. How much money did the average student receive last year to help pay for college? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. How much of the money in question number two was in the form of grants? Remember: anything not in the form of grants needs to be paid back! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. What form do you fill out when you are in college to see what aid you are eligible for? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Go back to College Planning and click on Find Colleges.

 Research **three** colleges that you are interested in attending. Search them on the
 College Board website and complete the attached papers for each school.

Finally, go to the tab under College Planning that says Make a Plan. Make a checklist below of the things that you still need to do according to the College Board website:

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**Prospective College Comparison**

Pick a college that you are truly interested in. If you want to choose a “stretch school” (a school that is probably too difficult to get in to or to pay for), then select only one of these schools. The point of this assignment is to familiarize you with schools that you might attend.

Name of college/university: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Application deadline for Fall 2015 students: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Size of school: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Average financial aid package: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tuition for in-state and out-of-state students: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Difference between tuition and average aid package: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Click on Majors & Learning Environment.

 What are the top three majors for students receiving Bachelor’s degrees?
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Click on Applying.

 How many people applied last year? How many were admitted?
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 What percentage of applicants were admitted? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Click on the Academics & GPA tab.

Does this school require coursework that you will not have? (ie: 3+ years of a foreign language, 4+ years of math, 4+ years of a lab science). If so, you can always do a necessary course online, at community college or waive the requirement, but this needs to be done early.
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 Click on the SAT & ACT tab.

 Does this school require SAT scores? ACT scores? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 What is the average SAT Critical Reading score range for this school?
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 What is the average SAT Mathematics score range for this school?
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 What is the average SAT Writing score range for this school?
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Reflect on this school on the back of this paper: Is it a stretch or is it realistic? What draws your attention to this school? Does this school offer something that others don’t? Based on their top majors, what programs are notable at this school? How far is it away from home? Generally speaking, are you on par with other students attending this school?