



# Minnesota Association of Counselors of Color

## MnACC Student College Fair Guide

MnACC fairs provide exciting opportunities for students and their parents to meet face to face with admission representatives from a variety of colleges and universities. Here are some tips for tackling a college fair:

### Before the Fair:

*Answer the following questions to help determine what kind of school would be best for you:*

- Do you want to attend a
  - Two- or four-year institution?
  - Co-ed or single sex?
  - Public or Private?
- What size school do you want to attend?
- What programs of study are you considering?
- How far from home do you want to go?
- Do you wish to participate in any specific extra-curricular activities or athletics?
- Do you want to attend a school in an urban, suburban or rural environment?
- Do you require any special services (i.e. tutoring, note takers, readers, TDD or interpreters)?

### During the Fair:

*Check off questions you would like to ask school representatives.*

### Admissions

- What are the admission requirements?
- What qualities should prospective students have?
- Which standardized test scores do you require?
- What majors are offered? What's the most popular?
- What are the application deadlines for admission?
- Are interviews required? Are there group or individual interviews?
- How can I arrange a campus visit?
- How long should I expect to wait for an answer once I submit my application?

### Financial aid

- How much will it cost?
- What financial aid options are offered?
- When is your financial aid deadline?
- Estimate the percentage of work study, loans, grants, and scholarships awarded in your financial aid packages.

### Classroom

- What is the average class size?
- How accessible are professors outside of class?
- Will professors or graduate students teach my courses?
- When must I choose a major?
- Do I need a computer?
- What student services are offered (tutoring, career counseling, study workshops)?



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- How are the libraries, computer labs?

## **Housing**

- What type of housing is available?
- Is student housing guaranteed for four years?
- Would I have a roommate or live alone?
- How are roommates selected?

## **Student life**

- What special interest groups, activities, fraternities/sororities are available?
- What's it like on campus on the weekends?
- Are any programs offered to help students adjust to the college life?
- Are intramural, club, and varsity sports offered?
- How are the sports facilities?
- What types of meal plans are available?

## **Just the facts**

- What is the school known for?
- What are recent graduates doing now?
- How many freshman return for their sophomore year?
- How safe is the campus and its surrounding neighborhoods?