- FindTheBest: Colleges <http://colleges.findthebest.com/>

**- Select and write down the criteria to investigate the colleges for your career(s) of interest.**

- college category, based on length of program for your career or preferred college type \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

- available degree, find the program description most closely matching your career choice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

- geographic region, what part of the country do you want to go to school at? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

- size of student body, do you have a preference for the size of campus/student body \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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\*Forbes ranks colleges based on what students get from their college degree. They consider student satisfaction, post-graduate success, student debt, graduation rate, and nationally competitive awards in their ranking.

\*\* Scholarships may lower out of state tuition to in-state rates, pay for a portion, or all of tuition