

Finding a College That's Right for You

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Each year of high school gets busier and busier — especially senior year. There's so much to do before graduation! Senior year is really exciting, but you may also be wondering "What's next?"

There are lots of options. You can join the military, head to a trade school, begin working, or head off to college. If you decide college is the next step for you, Military Youth on the Move has some great information for you.

First of all, figure out the type of college you want to attend. Do you want to go to a four-year or a two year college? Single sex or co-ed?

Then, think about size. Do you see yourself at a large university with big classes or is a smaller campus more your style? Would an online school feel like a better fit with your personality?

Next, think about location. How far away from home do you want to be? Do you see yourself in a small town or a big city?

You also have to consider the school's academic programs. If you know what you want to study, make sure the college offers a related major. If you have no idea, think about a school that has a wide range of programs so that you'll have lots of options.

College isn't all about going to class and studying. Schools also offer different extracurricular activities. Find out what they offer in terms of clubs, sports, sororities, fraternities, or whatever else is important to you.

And don't forget about the money – college is expensive. How much can your family afford? How much financial aid can you get?

These are just a few thoughts to get you started as you take the next step in your education. Remember, you can always talk to your school counselor or parents about any other questions you have.

To read about choosing a college that's right for you, be sure to visit Military Youth on the Move! Our website has great tips and resources, not only about what to do after graduation but on other topics too like moving with your family, social networking, changing schools, and more. So for more information, visit Military Youth on the Move! That's Military Youth on the Move at <http://apps.militaryonesource.mil/MYOM>.

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