5 Things to Consider When Choosing a College:

1. Location

2. Size

3. Cost

4. Academic Programs

5. Campus Life

For a list of Montana colleges, costs, and other tips go to: www.MUS.EDU

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Student Financial Services
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College Is Possible

Does college and everything about higher education seem like a mystery?

You might be asking yourself these questions...

• Why should I go to college?
• How is college different than high school?
• Are there different types of colleges?
• How much does it cost to go to college?
• How do I pay for college?
• Do I have to take special classes to get into college?
• What if I’m not sure what career I want?
• What if I need help while I’m in college?

For answers please visit www.mus.edu

Paying for College

Steps to Apply for Financial Aid

Check with your school for priority deadlines.

Step 1: Submit a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) www.fafsa.ed.gov

Step 2: Apply for Admissions (www.mus.edu/prepare)

Step 3: Colleges will request any additional documentation needed

Step 4: Financial Aid Award Package is Created By School

Step 5: Student receives award letter & responds to school

Step 6: If taking out a loan, sign master promissory note and complete entrance counseling

There are several types of financial aid programs available. Eligibility is determined by your school’s financial aid office from information provided on the FAFSA. Various types of financial aid are:

• Federal Pell Grants
• State and Federal Grants
• Scholarships
• Federal Stafford Loans
• Plus Loans for Parents

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