

## Examples of colleges to fit different situations

Here are few ideas to help your student get started building their list.

Annual cost of attendance (COA) for schools ranges from \$25,000 (SUNY) to over \$70,000. Usually \$10,000 to \$15,000 of the COA is for living expenses (dorm, food, books, travel) and the rest is tuition.

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### **Public colleges with lower tuition for out-of-state students**

University of Minnesota

University of North Carolina-Asheville

Keene State

Western Washington

(These are around \$35K COA. Note: out-of-state tuition at some public universities is very high, making them as expensive as private universities, e.g. UCLA, U. Michigan, around \$55K COA.)

### **Public colleges and universities with merit aid for out-of-state students**

Temple

College of Charleston

University of Pittsburgh

Indiana University

University of Vermont

### **Potential for large merit awards for exceptional students**

Davidson

University of Southern California

Vanderbilt

Syracuse

University of Richmond

Tulane

### **Good merit aid for strong students**

Case Western Reserve

Clark

Mt Holyoke (women only)

University of Rochester

Worcester Polytechnic University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

**Colleges that give merit aid to B/B+ students**

Eckerd College  
Seattle University  
Willamette

**Colleges that meet 100% of demonstrated need AND have merit aid for strong students**

University of Richmond  
Davidson  
Grinnell  
Carleton  
Rice

**For exceptional students, test-optional colleges that meet 100% demonstrated need**

Bowdoin  
Wesleyan  
Smith (women)

**For strong students, test-optional colleges that meet 100% demonstrated need**

Dickinson  
Pitzer  
Franklin and Marshall

**Test-optional colleges that award merit aid**

Juniata  
Beloit  
Goucher

**Test-optional universities that award merit aid**

Clark  
DePaul  
Wake Forest

**Colleges that sometimes meet full need for first generation, low-income students**

St Lawrence  
Hamilton  
Skidmore  
Muhlenberg  
(for a list of colleges in New York State that participate in HEOP, an opportunity program for very low-income students, go to <http://heop.org/roster>)

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