

SEARCHING FOR THE RIGHT COLLEGE

is about asking the right questions.

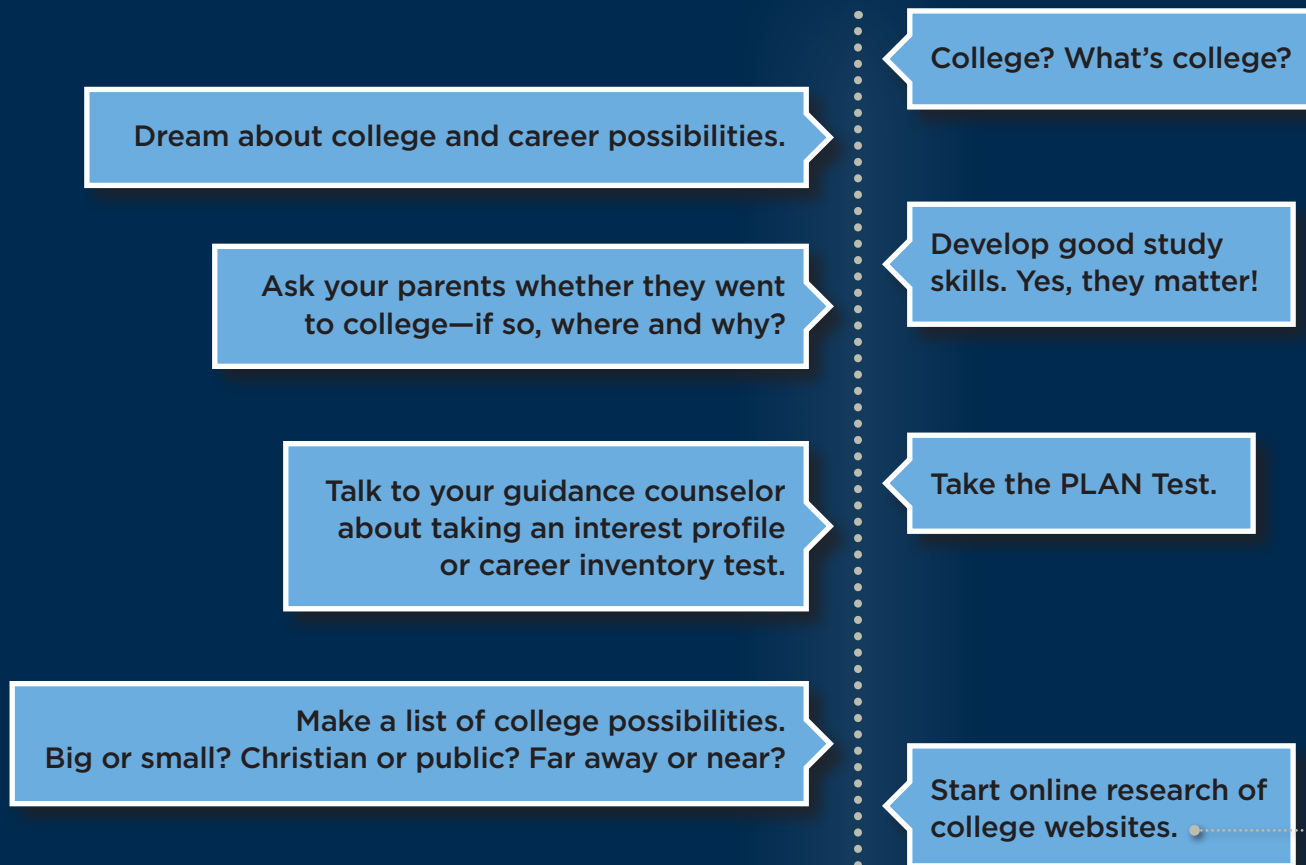


BETHEL
UNIVERSITY

Your college search isn't necessarily a straight line from point A to point B. At Bethel University, we get that. It's a journey of understanding the steps to prepare you for your college decision.

Whether you're just beginning or in the middle of the process, this timeline will help you know what to do next. It's never too early—or too late—to prepare for college!

Freshman Year



Websites are a great starting point for researching all the options. [Learn more](#) about Bethel University.

Sophomore Year

Studies show that two-thirds of students change their major at some point. So your college choice should be broad enough for you to try out several fields. A liberal arts university like Bethel is great at giving you this well-rounded experience, while also preparing you for a specific career.

Discuss Honors, AP, or IB courses with your parents and guidance counselor.

• What do you enjoy or excel at? Could these be career directions?

Keep a résumé of high school, community, and church activities.

Study hard! Most colleges offer scholarships for academic performance.

Research colleges in detail, paying special attention to admissions requirements.

Pray for God's direction.

• Make contact with an admissions counselor.

Attend college fairs and ask questions.

Take the PSAT offered in October.

• Trim your list (3-5) and visit campuses.

Admissions counselors are your gateway to all the info you need. They can answer your questions—big and small. Find your Bethel admissions counselor.

You can read all the facts, but the best way to get a feel for college life is to experience it for yourself. At Bethel, you can customize your own visit or attend one of Bethel's great events that fits your schedule.

Junior Year

Keep your parents involved—they know more than you think.

Watch for scholarships and apply before the deadlines.

Scholarships are gifts of funds that celebrate an academic achievement, special talent, or act of service. The best thing about a scholarship is that it doesn't need to be repaid!

Learn more about the scholarships Bethel offers.

Keep studying! Keep praying!

Take the ACT or SAT.

Think seriously about possible majors.

Bethel offers 88 majors within 94 areas of study. If you see your top 3 interests in this [list of majors](#), we could be a great fit.

Consider campus culture. The next years are crucial in [building an authentic faith](#) and [developing skills for life](#). Students choose Bethel because of dozens of informal and organized opportunities to serve and grow—together. Bethel's top-notch Campus Ministries and Student Life staffs are among the strongest in the nation.

Revisit your top schools (2-5).

Senior Year

Only about 20% of your time at college will be spent in classes or studying. Look for a **variety of organizations** you can get involved in that complement your studies and give you a chance to **become a leader**—and just have fun!

• Consider what you will do outside of the classroom

• Continue to discuss college plans with your guidance counselor and parents.

• Confirm your acceptance to a school by sending in the enrollment deposit.

• Apply for admission in the fall —pay attention to deadlines.

Applying to Bethel is free and easy. **Apply today!**

At Bethel, we want to prepare you for success after graduation. That includes making your tuition costs manageable with the help of **financial aid**.

• Apply for financial aid before April 15.

Saying “hello” to Bethel is one of our great traditions! When you arrive on campus you’ll meet new friends, learn where things are and how things are done, and experience some of the best parts of being a Bethel student. **Check out this Welcome Week video.**

• Say “goodbye” to high school and “hello” to college!