

CHOOSING THE RIGHT UNIVERSITY FOR MY STUDENT



As a parent or guardian, your role in helping your student choose a university is pivotal. Here are some key elements to consider when making this critical decision:

FINANCIALS

- How much will it cost (net price) to send my student to a university?
- Are scholarship awards renewable annually?
- Do scholarship amounts change or are they locked in each year?
- What other types of financial aid and award programs are available?
- How will the remainder of tuition, room and board, etc. be paid for?
- Are there student worker opportunities?
- What is the average time it takes to graduate?
- Can someone help my family review and compare award letters from different universities to ensure my student understands the information?
- Which universities help reduce overborrowing and offer interest-free payment plans?
- How many credits will transfer to the university? Are AP/CLEP/dual enrollment credits accepted?

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

- What types of housing options are provided (residence halls, apartment-style living, etc.)?
- How close or far away from home does your student want to be?
- Do they want to commute home for holidays, weekends or the summertime?
- What is campus life like?
- What support systems are available (academically, personally, spiritually, etc.)?
- Does the university have measures in place (on-campus security guards, emergency text alerts, etc.) to help ensure your student's safety?

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ACADEMIC AND CAREER

- Does the university offer hands-on educational opportunities to help students gain practical skills that can help them position themselves to potentially make them more marketable to future employers?
- Does the university offer the majors and/or programs of study that your student is interested in pursuing?
- What is the average university class size?
- Does the number of students in the classroom environment allow for the level of individual attention your student requires?
- Which university gives your student the best opportunity to step into leadership and intern roles while still in school?
- Which resources are available to help your student seek employment after graduation?

VALUES AND LIFESTYLE

- What kinds of athletic programs and/or extracurricular activities are available? Are they compatible with your student's interests?
- What is the Christian community like?
- Are there outlets available for your students to grow their faith if they desire to?
- Can they choose whether they would like to attend Chapel, Bible study, etc.?

COLLEGE CONCERNS

- What types of concerns does your student have about college?
- What are the pros and cons of each university?
- Do the core values and principles of the school align with those of your student and family?

NEXT STEPS FOR YOUR STUDENT

- ▶ **1 Apply at gcu.edu/ApplyNow and upload your transcripts. No application fee!**
- ▶ **2 Schedule an appointment with your admissions counselor to review your scholarship eligibility and program of study.**
- ▶ **3 Arrange your campus visit (*all-expenses-paid¹ programs available*).**
- ▶ **4 Register early for courses and secure on-campus housing.**

To help answer these questions about Grand Canyon University, undergraduate programs offered on campus, available scholarships and more, contact an admissions counselor.

855-428-7884
gcu.edu/CampusAdmissions

¹Travel reimbursement is only available to students who demonstrate their ability to meet admissibility for the traditional campus, plus one legal guardian, from a student's home city/state to Phoenix, AZ. School/district/organizations staff, faculty and/or personnel are also eligible. To participate, the program requires a signed MOU by both the student and parent/guardian or personnel, approval of travel dates by GCU and receipts submitted per GCU requirements. Travel reimbursement thresholds vary based on location and education sector. Only one form of travel will be reimbursed, air or ground. GCU does not reimburse hotel expenses, baggage costs, early check-in or travel insurance fees. Travel reimbursement usually occurs within 45 days.

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