

**YOUR FIRST CONSIDERATION  
MUST BE ACADEMIC**

**FIELDS OF STUDY**

- Identify your general and specific interest
- Do you prefer a research institute or one committed to undergraduate studies?
- Do you prefer innovative programs or traditional, structured programs

**COLLEGE SIZE**

- Do you want a broad range of activities?(i.e., larger schools offer more)
- Do you require a broad range of courses or special ized training?
- Are graduate students acceptable as instructors in lower level course?
- Do you prefer a big name program?

**LOCATION**

- Would you like to be close to home?
- Do you prefer a rural or urban campus?
- Do you prefer a specific climate?
- Do you wish to play in a particular conference?

**COLLEGE ENVIRONMENT**

- Do you prefer a particular religious affiliation?
- Conservative or liberal environment?
- Coed or single-sex institution?
- Private or State University?
- Are sororities and fraternities important?

**Identify up to 10 colleges that meet your individual needs**

**NOW CONSIDER THE SOCCER PROGRAM**

**IDENTIFY YOUR SKILLS**

- What are your strengths? (Do you have speed, quickness, strength, etc.)
- Is your style compatible with the program you're interested in?
- What is your potential to contribute to the program and when?

**IDENTIFY POTENTIAL COLLEGES**

- Can you be competitive at the college level of play?
- Competitive ness of schedule?
- Chance of making the team?
- Potential playing time in first year?
- Competence and personality of coach?

**Identify 7-10 schools that meet your academic and athletic requirements**

**CONTACT SCHOOLS**

**COVER LETTER**

Handwritten or typed  
**RESUME**  
Neatly typed and concise

**CAMPUS VISIT:**

Be prepared  
Dress appropriately  
Ask the right questions

**KNOW THE RECRUITING RULES!**