

- Is the size of the student body important to you?
- What are the facilities like? (i.e. dorms, classrooms, labs, gym, cafeterias)

**College Cost:** There are many sources of financial aid; therefore cost should not exclude any of your college choices at this point. (see information on safety schools on page 8.) There are many factors that determine how financial aid is awarded, these include:

- Family income
- Family size
- Family assets
- Other family members enrolled in college
- Student income and assets

## College Searching

### Internet Searches

These programs typically allow you to select certain criteria from an extensive list and then a list of schools that match your criteria will be provided. For example, you could select the following:

- Programs/Majors: Biology and Biochemistry
- Campus Setting: Urban
- Location: New York or Massachusetts
- Enrollment (size of school): Medium – 5,000 to 10,000 students
- Sports: Division 3 Bowling

Then you would be given a list of colleges that match all of those criteria so that you could then research those schools. **Even if you are undecided about a major, think about the other things you would like in a college when doing some searching.**

Parents: Often, these sites will have *Parent* sections specifically designed for you!

**The College Board:** [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) - This is the largest clearinghouse for information on colleges and universities. Click on “College Matchmaker” on the left-hand toolbar.

**Bridges:** [www.bridges.com](http://www.bridges.com) Site ID:1011241 Password: mohonschool

The Choices program, which is the in-school version of Bridges, is available in the library, Betty Jarvis Library and all the computer labs in the high school (see page 3).