**WEEK 2**

MAKE YOUR DECISION

Now that you’ve finished applying and evaluating financial factors for each school, it’s time to make a decision among your options. To jog your memory, write down your top three choices.

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| **Institution** | **Planned Program/Major(s)** |
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**STEP 1:** Read all about your schools of interest above by using the following resources as applicable:

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| **Colorado Bachelor’s**  | **Colorado Associate** | **Certificates** | **Out-of-State Schools** | **Military** |
| [College Admissions Tool](https://www.coadmissionstool.org/) | [College Admissions Tool](https://www.coadmissionstool.org/) | [Colorado Training Providers](https://www.cotrainingproviders.org/?auth=0#/) | [College Navigator](https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/) | [Army](https://www.goarmy.com/careers-and-jobs/help-choosing-a-career-job.html?iom=OP68-9021-ACNP-PS-XXX-BI-XXX-W1-XX-X-W14&c3apidt=p27183913622&msclkid=d6d208c378321692737754b5d0e2c2bf&gclid=CM6UisuZ3OACFfiKxQIdOWcA5g&gclsrc=ds)[Navy](https://www.navy.com/contact/joining-the-navy?activity=1228890&cid=ppc_msn_b_stan_generalofficer&msclkid=a2d50e15756616dc3a6c5263dcfc2722&gclid=COTt3Kua3OACFYCOxQIdhSsI_A&gclsrc=ds)  |
| [College In Colorado](https://secure.collegeincolorado.org/College_Planning/Explore_Schools/Explore_Schools.aspx) | [College In Colorado](https://secure.collegeincolorado.org/College_Planning/Explore_Schools/Explore_Schools.aspx) | [College In Colorado](https://secure.collegeincolorado.org/College_Planning/Explore_Schools/Explore_Schools.aspx) | [College In Colorado](https://secure.collegeincolorado.org/College_Planning/Explore_Schools/Explore_Schools.aspx) | [Marines](https://rmi.marines.com/request-information/B_BMM_JoinMilitary?WT.srch=1&gclid=CMbEkuSZ3OACFb6HxQIdjw0GrA&gclsrc=ds) |
| [College Navigator](https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/) | [College Navigator](https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/) | [College Navigator](https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/) |  | [Air Force](https://www.military.com/education/money-for-school/air-force-education-programs.html) |

**STEP 2:** Think about your career and program preferences. Is the school strong in your program/major area? How does each school stack up on cost vs. benefits to you?

**Other important things to note as you review schools:**

* Does it offer the level of education and major/program you need?
* Are there clubs and organizations that interest you?
* How big is the college? Are classes large or small?
* What’s the housing situation like? Will you live on campus, in an apartment nearby or at home?

If you have the time, it’s wise to visit the campus to get a better sense of the student experience. Ask the school if you can sit in on a class or talk to a professor in your planned program. Many schools offer virtual visits, too.

**Jot down what you like and dislike about each school:**

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| **College or School Name** | **Positives (Pros)** | **Negatives (Cons)** |
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**STEP 4:** **Weigh all these factors and make your decision!**

Jot down your decision below!

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| **Institution** | **Program** | **Education Level\*** |
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**\***Bachelor’s degree, associate degree, certificate, military branch, apprenticeship program