



Equity & Inclusion College Checklist for Students

Use this checklist as you explore colleges and universities. It will help you assess whether a school goes beyond surface-level diversity to provide real, equitable support for all students.

Admissions & Financial Support

- Offers need-based aid, scholarships for underrepresented students
- Transparent admissions policies with test-optional or holistic review
- First-gen or low-income student outreach programs

Inclusive Campus Life

- Active DEI office or staff leadership
- Cultural centers (e.g., Black Student Center, LGBTQ+ Resource Center)
- Student orgs for diverse identities and experiences
- Anti-discrimination or bias response reporting systems

Academic Support

- Inclusive curriculum (courses on race, gender, identity, etc.)
- Faculty training on inclusive teaching
- Accessible classrooms and learning tools
- Advising or mentoring programs for first-gen or marginalized students



✓ **Physical & Mental Health Resources**

- Accessible facilities for students with disabilities
- Mental health counselors with DEI or identity-specific training
- Wellness resources for underserved populations

✓ **Representation & Accountability**

- Diverse faculty and leadership
- Regular DEI assessments or climate surveys
- Public DEI mission or strategic plan
- Opportunities for student input on policies and initiatives

💡 **Tip:**

Use this checklist during campus visits, info sessions, or virtual tours. Don't be afraid to ask admissions or student services staff specific questions!

