

In-State Vs. Out-of-State

Pros and Cons of staying in-state:

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| <p><u>Pros:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Being a resident of the state that your college is located in can save you thousands in the long run.• Students who choose to stay in state during college tend to have less debt than others that travel out.• If you have a good relationship with your parents, and live close enough to your college of choosing, living with them is an added benefit that can save you additional money. | <p><u>Cons:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You won't have a lot of opportunities to step outside your comfort zone.• You may not get the same experience you would out-of-state.• It won't be easy to reinvent yourself. |
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Pros and Cons of moving out-of-state:

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| <p><u>Pros:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Going out of state to college will give you a jumping start into your young adulthood.• You will grow as a person and discover new talents.• You can explore a new area.• Being away from family will prepare you to be independent and grow in self confidence. | <p><u>Cons:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It's harder to get into a college out of state.• You'll get less financial aid.• You won't get any state scholarships or grants.• Homesickness. |
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Admission to Out-of-State Colleges:

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| <p><u>Cost Differences:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When you go out of state, normally it would cost double what you would pay if you were to stay "home."• The reason why it costs more is because tax dollars usually fund state schools, so students from out-of-state aren't entitled to lower costs like state residents are. |
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Tips to Apply Out-of-State:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Look for discounts and scholarships. | <p>Normally, people don't get discounts, but it would be good to try but you could possibly end up with a lower amount of money.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Go to open houses and college fairs. | <p>You want to be familiar with any schools that you want to apply to out-of-state.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Look for a college with a good community. | <p>It's always important to be comfortable with the people around you and be around people who make you happy.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Try to get in contact with alumni. | <p>You can get advice from alumni and they may be able to recommend you when you apply.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Submit a good application. | <p>You have to make yourself stand out because most people that are going to be accepted, will be the state residents, so you have to put down what makes you different.</p> |