

For a student, it could be said that in life's next step after high school, there are over 5000 Choices. Those choices can be divided into:

## 5 Categories

Elite - Highly Selective - Regional Liberal Arts - Large University - Vocational

Those categories should be pursued by:

### 1 Image-bearer

“There is a narrative arc that honestly tells the tale of someone young who honestly makes his or her way to someone old. Each is a story of immaturity, of longings, of choices made over time that grow into a longer life. There is a point, there is a reason to get up in the morning, and that telos slowly but honestly begins to orient the praxis, the way that becomes a life.” -Steve Garber

“The campuses themselves sparked unique curiosity: the breathtaking view from Covenant’s Lookout Mountain, the gorgeous Swan Lake overlooked by Furman’s impressive bell tower, and the imposing Gothic facades of Berry’s Ford Complex offer a few examples. Each of these, in its own way, calls out clearly with a sense of home. The student’s difficult task, however, was to begin to discern which of these voices—if any—spoke most clearly to his or her mind. Do UGA’s multi-faceted research opportunities and student body of 26,000 seem most appealing? Or does Covenant’s intimate, isolated Christian learning community immediately strike a chord? The realization arrived that the American college experience comes in just about any package one desires, with a spectrum that encompasses a multiplicity of options.”  
-Ethan Shaw (Class of 2015)

**Category 1: Elite** (Less than 9% of applicants are admitted)

- Ivy League Schools: Harvard, Yale Dartmouth
- The Emerging Research Schools: Stanford, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Service Academies: United States Military Academy, United States Naval Academy

Requirements:

- Average ACT 33/SAT 1400
- Stellar Academic Record
- Remarkable College Essay
- A Distinctive Personal Angle
- Over \$40,000 per year

**Category 2: Highly Selective** (Between 9 and 30% of applicants are accepted)

- Little Ivies: Amherst College, Bowdoin College, Wesleyan University and Williams College, Bates College, Colby College, Hamilton College, Middlebury College, Trinity College, Tufts University, Colgate, Haverford, Swarthmore, and Vassar
- Top Liberal Arts: Davidson, Vanderbilt
- Top Public Universities: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Virginia, William and Mary

Requirements:

- Average ACT 33/SAT 1400
- Stellar Academic Record
- Remarkable College Essay
- A Distinctive Personal Angle
- Over \$40,000 per year

### **Category 3: Regional Liberal Arts**

- Liberal Arts: Emory, SMU, Baylor, Wake Forest, Furman, Samford University, Rhodes College, Berry College, Millsaps College, Belmont University, Georgia Technical Institute

Requirements:

- Average ACT 31/SAT 1300
- Strong Academic Record
- Well-Written College Essay
- Over \$20,000 per year

### **Category 4: Colleges/ Universities**

- Auburn University, University of Alabama, Mississippi State University, University of Mississippi, University of Georgia, University of Tennessee, University of Texas, Texas A&M University

Requirements:

- ACT 20
- GPA 3.0
- Under \$20,000 per year

### **Category 5: Vocational**

(Attending a Junior College, Taking a gap year, Entering the Military, Direct to Workforce)