

# AHS Spring College Fair

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022

Time: 11:45 am to 1:45 pm

Location: Alcoa High School Commons

- ❑ Austin Peay State University (<http://www.apsu.edu/>)
- ❑ Carson-Newman University (<https://www.cn.edu/>)
- ❑ East Tennessee State University (<https://www.etsu.edu/>)
- ❑ Johnson University (<https://www.johnsonu.edu/>)
- ❑ King University (<http://www.king.edu/>)
- ❑ Lincoln Memorial University (<https://www.lmunet.edu/>)
- ❑ Maryville College (<https://maryvillecollege.edu/>)
- ❑ Middle Tennessee State University (<https://www.mtsu.edu/>)
- ❑ Military (<https://todaysmilitary.com/>)
- ❑ Milligan University (<https://www.milligan.edu/>)
- ❑ Pellissippi State Community College (<http://www.pstcc.edu/>)
- ❑ Roane State Community College (<https://www.roanestate.edu/>)
- ❑ South College (<https://www.south.edu/>)
- ❑ TN College of Applied Technology (TCAT), Harriman (<https://tcatharriman.edu/>)
- ❑ TN College of Applied Technology (TCAT), Knoxville (<https://tcatknoxville.edu/>)
- ❑ Tennessee State University (<http://www.tnstate.edu/>)
- ❑ Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) (<https://www.tn.gov/>)
- ❑ Tennessee Tech University (<https://www.tntech.edu/>)
- ❑ Tennessee Wesleyan University (<https://www.tnwesleyan.edu/>)
- ❑ Tusculum University (<https://tusculum.edu/>)
- ❑ University of the Cumberland (<https://ucumberland.edu/>)
- ❑ The University of Memphis (<https://www.memphis.edu/>)
- ❑ University of Tennessee, Chattanooga (UTC) (<https://www.utc.edu/>)
- ❑ University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK) (<https://www.utk.edu/>)

All students have access to the college fair during 3rd block lunches and the break between lunches, if supervised by the teacher.

All juniors will attend the college fair during advisory.

# College Fair Tips

College fairs are events that bring admissions officers from various colleges and universities to high schools, convention centers, and community spaces to meet with and answer questions from students and parents.

## Before the Fair

Ask yourself the following questions:

- Do I want to attend a large, medium, or small school?
- What major do I wish to study?
- Do I want to attend an urban, suburban, or rural school?
- Do I want to attend a two-year, four-year, single-sex, or religiously-affiliated school?
- Do I want to participate in athletics, clubs, fraternities, sororities, or special programs such as study abroad or cooperative education?

Research colleges attending the fair to determine if they meet your search criteria.

## Helpful Questions to Ask Colleges During A College Fair

Admission counselors attend college fairs to help you with any questions you may have about their school to see if it is the right college fit for you. Here are a few sample questions to help you uncover key information. Remember to ask anything specific to your needs and interests and prioritize your questions in order of importance.

1. What do students like most about your school? What is the biggest complaint from students?
2. What kinds of students are happiest at your school?
3. Where do students hang out on campus? Do students mostly live on or off campus?
4. What financial aid programs does your college offer?
5. What academic programs are the most popular at your college?
6. Do admission officers make decisions solely on numbers and stats, or do extracurricular activities truly matter at your school?
7. How would you describe the academic pressure and workload?
8. How does your career planning department compare to other colleges/universities?
9. What are the faculty like and how accessible are they outside of class?
10. Are there internships available specific to my major?
11. Is there job placement help for graduates?
12. Are you able to give me the names of a few students that I can talk to about their experience at your school?

### At the Fair

- Pick up a fair directory and bag for all of the materials you collect.
- Visit schools that match or are the closest match to your search criteria. Be adventurous. Don't just talk to the well-known schools.
- Ask the same questions to each college representative you visit.
- Take notes. Write down what you find most interesting about each college.

### After the Fair

- Review college websites, catalogs, and viewbooks to gather more information to help narrow your choices.
- Send a thank you note/email to the college representatives you met. This simple gesture can show admission officials you're serious about wanting to attend their college.