



# WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN AN IEC



## What should I look for when searching for an Independent College Consultant?

There are many educational consultants to choose from. It is advisable to choose one who:

- You connect with
- Can meet your college planning needs
- Stays up to date with the evolving college admissions trends and campus cultures, news, requirements, etc.
- Belongs to professional associations and continues professional development with continuing education, conferences and networking
- Specifies fees and services prior to signing a contract.
- Can share their professional experience, background, credentials and related work
- Practices and abides by ethical guidelines as specified by IECA. One way to ensure that an independent educational consultant is ethical is to hire an IECA member educational consultant who has been vetted through IECA's intense application process.
- Does not submit your applications or writes/re-writes your essays.
- Does not guarantee admission to specific colleges or makes claims of guaranteed scholarships and aid.
- Does not accept any form of compensation from a school, program or company in exchange for a placement or referral

