**33 AVID-Friendly Colleges**

**You May Not Have Considered**

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**1. Augsburg College (MN):** repeatedly mentioned by counselors as AVID friendly

**2. California Lutheran University (CA):** very generous admissions, willing to host AVID students on campus, and very good financial aid packages

**3. California Maritime Academy:** very generous with admissions and individualized academic counseling

**4. Central Florida University:** a long tradition of working with first-generation students and generous financial aid

**5. Colorado Mesa University:** very affordable and first-generation friendly

**6. Emanuel College (MA):** very first-generation friendly

**7. Gettysburg College (PA):** a rural area and on the battlefield, only an hour from Washington DC with generous admissions and financial aid

**8. High Point University (SC):** financially very generous and focused on serving individual students

**9. Holy Names University (CA):** will send speakers, do application and essay workshops, and friendly in the admission process

**10. Johnson & Wales (RI):** friendly to AVID students in admissions and will send speakers to AVID classes

**11. Lawrence University (WI):** will host AVID tours and speak to AVID classes

**12. Lewis University (IL):** a long tradition of working with first-generation students and has good financial

aid packages

**13. Loyola University (IL):** very generous with representatives who present workshops and host AVID visits on campus

**14. Marymount College (CA):** especially good with first-generation students who will thrive with individual attention, financially generous

**15. Maryville University (MO):** very generous with money and very generous admission standards

**16. N orthern Arizona University:** very generous admissions and scholarships, host on-campus AVID tours

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**17. Oklahoma City University:** host AVID tour groups and friendly to AVID students in admissions, generous financial aid

**18. Our Lady of the Lake (TX):** very generous admissions

**19. St. Peters College (NJ):** small school very close to New York City, very generous admissions and financial aid

**20. Southern Utah University:** very generous admissions and generous financial aid

**21. Suffolk University (MA):** a long tradition of working with first-generation students, an international population of students

2**2. University of Colorado, Boulder:** gives extra consideration for AVID in admissions; representative will do workshops on writing the college essay

**23. University of Houston (TX):** AVID admissions friendly

**24. University of La Verne (CA):** good about admitting AVID students, hosting AVID students on campus, and sending speakers to AVID classrooms

**25. University of New Mexico:** very generous admissions and many scholarship opportunities

**26. University of Nevada, Reno:** liberal admissions program and very good financial aid

**27. University of North Carolina/Wilmington Campus:** willing to host AVID tours and give consideration and support to first-generation students

**28. University of Scranton (PA):** generous admissions, a long tradition of serving first-generation students

**29. University of Washington, Bothell:** will send representatives to AVID classrooms, AVID-friendly admissions

**30. Whittier (CA):** hosts AVID visits, generous in admissions, and generous with financial aid

**31. Whitworth (WA):** very generous admissions and financial aid.

**32. William Woods University (MO):** very first-generation friendly, willing to send out speakers, and very generous financial aid

**33. Wichita State University (KS):** AVID admissions and first-generation friendly