

College Questionnaire for your Counselor Letter of Recommendation

Name:

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Directions:

These questions are designed to provide a holistic view of each student, beyond grades and test scores. I intend to write a letter that explains what makes you unique and desirable for a prospective institution.

Please take the time to write thoughtful, **detailed** responses. REMEMBER, any information you include here may end up in your recommendation letter. If you are NOT comfortable sharing certain information, don't include it here. Simply put, do not answer any questions you don't want discussed in your college Letter of Recommendation from me.

Please send your responses back to me via email. Remember to make me a viewer, as this is now a copy you own.

Questions:

1. Of all of your classes in high school, which did you love and why? Which were significant to you for any reason? What were specific examples of things you loved about those classes (i.e. projects, assignments, topics, etc.)?
2. Do you know what you would like to study in college or pursue as a career? If so, what and why?
3. Over the last four years of high school, how have you changed as a student? How are you different today then when you first started high school? Have you developed strengths over the years? Any academic challenges you have had to overcome?
4. List all the activities you participate in, both in or out of school as well as SSL activities, or submit a resume.
5. Of your activities/SSL which one is most important to you and why? How have they shaped who you are today?

6. What are your hobbies or interests? Be specific. Not just reading, but reading what types of books. Not just cooking, but cooking what?

7. Who has been a significant figure in your life and why? Be very specific. It can be someone you know or don't know.

8. Tell me more about your family. Who do you live with? If you were born outside of the United States, this is a good place to write about your experiences moving to the US and how that has impacted you. Are you or any of your siblings the first in your family to attend college? What language is spoken at home? Do you speak multiple languages?

9. Have there been any extenuating circumstances that have kept you from performing at your best (i.e. physical or mental health issues, challenging circumstances at home, the death of a loved one, financial struggles, etc.)? If yes, explain here or speak with your counselor about how you would like to present this, if at all, in your letter of recommendation.

10. **Parents/guardians:** Please email your thoughts directly to your student's counselor. Feel free to share any comments or insights into your student you would like the counselor to know. What do you believe are your student's talents and strengths? What do you want the college to know about your child?