

Sample Questions for Brag Sheet

Personal Background and Context

1. What is your mother's name and occupation (if applicable)?
2. What is your father's name and occupation (if applicable)?
3. Who do you live with?
4. Do you have siblings?
 - a. Please enter their names, ages, and year in school (if applicable).
 - b. If you have siblings, do you have any responsibilities in taking care of your siblings?
5. Do you have any home responsibilities aside from regular house chores? If so, what does that look like on a daily or weekly basis?
6. Have you worked while in high school? Or during the summers?
 - a. If so, where and how many hours per week? What did you gain from the experience?
7. Have there been changes, positive or negative, or a particular situation that has occurred in your high school years that you feel has affected you, your grades, or your participation in school? (Example: personal or family illness, divorce, summer experience, etc.)
8. What was the most difficult situation you have ever had to face? How did you handle it? Is there anything you would change about the way you dealt with it if you could?
9. Aside from academics, is there anything in particular you'd like to be included in your recommendation letter?

Personal Characteristics

1. What do you believe are your strong points – personal traits, academic talents, athletic strengths, other accomplishments?
2. Complete this statement as clearly and directly as you can. Be very specific. "I am especially proud of _____ because _____."
3. Who has been most influential in your life? Why?
4. What is important to you? Why?
5. What do you think sets you apart from other applicants?

Academic/High School Experiences

1. What would you like to study in college? Why?
2. What do you hope to gain from your college experience?
3. What do you want to do after college? Why?
4. What are your best memories of high school?
5. What courses have you enjoyed the most? Why?
6. What teacher, counselor, school administrator, etc. has been most impactful or memorable in your education thus far? Why?
7. Have you encountered a course conflict, specific grade, or academic incident that you want mentioned in your appraisal? (Example: could not take AP course due to school or personal scheduling conflict)

Activities

1. What do you like to do more than anything else? Why?
2. How do you spend your time outside of the classroom? This can be athletics, student clubs, home responsibilities, religious obligations, developing special talents, pursuing a hobby, etc. Think broadly.
3. Which activity listed above has been most satisfying to you? Why?
4. What activity were you unable to do (for any particular reason) that you hope to explore while in college?