

# Admissions Advantage Discovery Worksheet



Please take some time to thoughtfully complete this worksheet. The most important information is at the top, but some of it may be confusing or difficult to complete before your call with Steve. Skip anything that doesn't make sense.

▲ But try to be thoughtful and thorough in your answers. This deep thinking work required to complete the worksheet is extremely valuable.



👉 Double click, and edit on the canvas! 👉

<b>Personal Theme/Soundbite:</b>



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## WHO ARE YOU?

Evidence of your personal character:

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## WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Evidence that you make your community better?

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*“Happiness is not the belief that we don’t need to change;  
it’s the realization that we can.”*

Shawn Anchor

Evidence of your curiosity:

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Evidence of your potential:

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**Evidence of your engagement:**

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**Evidence of your leadership:**

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## HOLISTIC OVERVIEW

### Academic Performance & Test Scores

GPA	_____	Weighted GPA	_____
# of Regular Classes	_____	# of Honors Classes	_____
# of AP Classes	_____	# of IB Classes	_____

### Test Scores

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### Class Rank

What's your rank? ▾

### How well does my academic record reinforce my soundbite?

(Did I take the advanced classes one would expect someone who is interested in the things I say I'm interested in would take?)

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### Activities

School clubs & teams, community involvement out of school, Family responsibilities (like babysitting), work, internships, camp attendance, volunteering, hobbies

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Leadership/unusual engagement/unusual impact

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List your activities in order:

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Awards or recognition of your impact or personal theme

## RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Teacher 1:

Things I will ask them to share:

Teacher 2:

Things I will ask them to share:



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School Counselor:

Information I'd like to get from them:



## ESSAYS

- ☐ 1. Is it personal? (*Show personality*)
- ☐ 2. Is it insightful? (*Show thoughtfulness*)
- ☐ 3. Is it meaningful? (*Demonstrate your core values*)
- ☐ 4. Is it specific? (*Don't summarize a year or more of that sport, choose one moment that opened up your mind or gave you greater empathy, a new perspective, or something like that*)
- ☐ 5. Is it well-written? (*This should represent your best writing*)
- ☐ Is it memorable? (*The best essays surprise the reader or make them reconsider their perspective about something*)