Sample Interview Questions

- Tell me about yourself.
- Why are you interested in this college?
    - How did you hear about this college?
    - What is your favorite thing about this college?
    - What is it about this college that you think makes it a good fit for you?
- Why do you want to study _____?
- Are there any new subjects you hope to try? Do you have any dreams or goals after graduation from college?
    - What do you want to study?
    - What does it mean for you to study _____?
    - What do you expect it will be like for you to study _____?
    - How will you make the most of studying _____?
- What are your academic strengths?
- What are your character strengths?
- If you could change something about your academic record/do something over again in HS, what would it be?
- What do you plan to get involved in at this school?
    - Are there any new activities you are eager to try in college?
- What do you do for fun?
- What do you love to do?
    - What do you love?
    - What excites you?
    - What are you passionate about?
    - What can you contribute to this community?
- What do you expect to be doing 10 years from now?
    - What do you want to be doing ten years from now? Five years from now?
- What would you change about your high school?
- What is the best thing about your high school?
- Whom do you most admire?
- What is your favorite book?

- What is the last book you read not for school?
- What are you reading right now that is not required for school?
- Why do you want to go to college?
- What is an obstacle you have faced and how did you get through it?
- What makes you different from other people?
- The "wild card" – If you were a flavor of ice cream, what would you be? If you were a color, what would you be? If you could take a vacation anywhere in the world, where would you go? If I gave you a million dollars, how would you spend it? If you could spend a day with anyone living or dead, who would it be?
- What has been your favorite course during high school? Why?
- What characteristics do you seek in your teachers?
- Which subjects are you studying now? Do you enjoy some more than others? Why? Are your courses easy or challenging?
- What subject areas are you most interested in?
- Discuss a book or project that you enjoyed.
- If I were to wander into your school's faculty room and mention your name, what reaction would I get? How would your teacher characterize you?
- Tell me about your current schedule and activities. Why are these of interest? What do you gain from this interest?
- Are you a different or better person because of the time you have committed to this interest?
- What have you done during the summers? Is there someone with whom you share a special interest?
- Is there someone in your life who has had an impact on your life and why?
- If the student has worked at a job: How did you get the job? Did you enjoy it? What were the best/worst features of your job? Did you learn anything about yourself in this job? Would you do it again?
- If the student expresses interest in taking a gap year: What might you do with a year off between high school and college?

- Are there any specific extracurricular interests or activities that you plan or hope to pursue in college?
- What do you look forward to most about college?
- The interview is as much for me to learn about you as it is for you to share who you are. Is there anything you have not talked about that you would like to share?
- Any questions for me?