

College questionnaire for students

Name of student: _____

1. Do you want to be:
 - able to come home in an hour or so every weekend?
 - able to come home in a half-day's drive?
 - able to come home only on vacations?

2. Do you have a geographical preference?
 - Southeast Northwest
 - Southwest Midwest
 - West Coast Northeast

3. Do you prefer certain states? If so, list them.

4. Which do you prefer? Large city Suburb Small town

5. Do you have a sense of what size college/university might suit you best? If so, please indicate below.

6. Do you think you know what you want to study in college? Yes No
If you checked "yes," what is your intended area of study?

7. Are there any other general preferences you have at this point?
Fraternities and sororities? No frats or sororities? Colder climate?
Warmer climate? Other?

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Questions About You

The following questions can help you focus the college selection and admissions process where it belongs—on you! An honest and thoughtful self-evaluation can reveal what you should look for in the colleges. It will also prepare you for statements you will be asked to make about yourself on essays and, perhaps, in interviews when you apply to colleges. Please answer the questions on a separate piece of paper and attach it to the questionnaire. There are, of course, no right or wrong answers.

Your Goals and Values

1. What aspects of your high school years have you enjoyed the most? If you could live them over again, would you do anything differently? If so, what?
2. What values are most important to you? What do you care about most?
3. How do you define success? Are you satisfied with your accomplishments to date? What do you want to accomplish in the years ahead?
4. What kind of person would you like to become? Of your unique gifts and strengths, which would you most like to develop?
5. If you had a year to go anywhere and do whatever you wanted, where would you go and what would you do?

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6. What events/experiences have shaped your growth and way of thinking?

Your Education

1. What are your academic interests? Which courses have you enjoyed the most and which have been the most difficult for you?
2. What do you choose to learn when you can learn on your own? Consider interests pursued beyond class assignments: topics chosen for research papers, independent projects, reading on your own, job or volunteer work, etc.
3. How do you learn best? What methods and styles of teaching engage your interest and effort the most?
4. How would you describe your high school? Has the environment encouraged you to develop your interests, talents, and abilities? What would you preserve and/or change about the school if you had the authority and money to do so?
5. What has been your most stimulating intellectual experience in recent years?

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Your Personality and Relationships with Others

1. How would someone who knows you well describe you? Your finest qualities? Your most conspicuous shortcomings? How have you grown or changed during your high school years thus far?
2. Which relationships are most important to you and why? Describe the people whom you consider your best friends, your best critics, your best advocates.
3. How do you make decisions for yourself? What are the best decisions you have made recently? How much do you rely on direction or advice from others?

Source: *Susan Stagers, Cary Academy, North Carolina*

College questionnaire for parents or guardians

Name of Student: _____

1. Do you have a preference for how far from home your child's college is located?
2. Do you have a preference for an urban, suburban, or small-town campus?
3. Indicate any preferences you have for the location of your child's college:
 - Southeast Midwest
 - Southwest Northeast
 - West Coast No preference
 - Northwest
4. Do you have a specific preference for:
 - a public college/university?
 - a private college/university?
 - a college with a religious affiliation?
 - no preference
5. Please list specific colleges/universities you would like your child to learn about.

6. What particular area of study interests your child?

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7. How do you view your child's actual academic progress so far?

8. What do you believe are your child's strengths in applying for college?
 - a. Academic strengths:

 - b. Other strengths:

9. You are invited to write a letter to the college counselor describing your child, specifically narrating events or anecdotes that characterize or illustrate your child's personality. What would you like us to know about your son or daughter? What experiences have shaped his or her personality? What makes your child special? Are there special circumstances you would like the college adviser to know about that would help with the college search? What do you hope your child will gain from the college experience?

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____ Date: _____

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