

Student Questionnaire for College Recommendations

Name _____ **Social Security #** _____
(Last) **(First)** **(MI)**

Preferred First Name for Use in College Recommendations: _____

DIRECTIONS: PLEASE RESPOND TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WITH NEAT, CONCISE ANSWERS. THE INFORMATION WILL BE USED IN WRITING YOUR COLLEGE RECOMMENDATIONS AND WILL BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY. You may attach **one** additional sheet, other than resume, if necessary.

1. List those activities (both school-related and others) that are most important to you, preferably in their order of importance to you. Indicate if you have held an office, won an award, etc. Note if you hope to participate in that activity while in college especially if that may be a factor in your college choice.

2. a) Briefly describe yourself as a student. Mention your strengths and weaknesses, and describe your current interests regarding possible college majors. Feel free to talk about special teachers and/or classes that have had particular influence and significance. [List major academic awards and honors (Governor's Scholars, All-State, etc.) that you have received on a separate resume].

- b) Are your grades an accurate indication of your ability and academic strengths? If not, what has prevented you from working to your potential **and** how will you overcome this when in college?

3. Describe yourself as a standardized test-taker, including whether or not you have done any specific test-prep for the ACT or SAT. Discuss how you feel about your current scores (if you have already taken the tests). Include your plans for future standardized testing this year.

Best ACT Composite to date _____ Best SAT Scores to date Critical Reading _____ Math _____

4. What is the **most important** thing about you that you would like a college to know through a guidance counselor recommendation?

5. Use the first words that come to your mind to describe yourself. After doing that, write a sentence or two about what makes you a *unique* individual.

6. Provide pertinent information regarding your family.

You live with: ☐ both parents
 ☐ mom/stepdad
 ☐ dad/stepmom
 ☐ single parent
 ☐ other (grandparent, other relative, guardian, etc.)

Number of children in household (including yourself)

List other members of household (grandparents, cousins, etc.)

Number of children in college. If so, where do they attend?

Share any relevant family issues that may influence your plans for college.

7. If you feel that family or personal circumstances have, in the past or present, affected your academics, please make a note of these circumstances and how you have dealt with them. How important will finances be in your post-secondary plans?

8. Describe briefly how you prefer to spend your leisure time, possibly including your favorite quote, films, novels, actors, and musicians. What are the personality traits of your closest friends?

9. Also, provide a brief update of how you spent the last summer (work, travel, special programs, college visits, etc.).

10. Make a numerical list of the colleges or universities (or other options such as the military) that you are currently considering, and enter them in the order of preference (top choice first, etc.). If you have already visited the college or university, make note of that visit and approximate date.

11. Please take this opportunity to share anything you wish relevant to the college admission process.