



## COLLEGE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

*The following questions can help you sort out some of your feelings and preferences concerning your student's upcoming college experience. Please answer the questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to the questionnaire. There are, of course, no right or wrong answers.*

1. Do you have a preference for how far from home your child's college is located?
2. Do you have a preference regarding location?  
 Urban setting    Suburban setting    Rural setting    No preference
3. Indicate any preferences you have for the location of your child's college:  
 South    New England    Midwest  
 Southwest    Mid-Atlantic    West  
 No preference
4. Indicate any preferences you have for  
 a public college/university?    a college with a religious affiliation?  
 a private college/university?    no preference
5. What particular area of study interests your child?
6. Please list specific colleges/universities you would like your child to learn about.

7. Do you believe your child is working up to his/her potential? If not, why not?
8. What do you like most about your son/daughter? What do you feel you've learned from him/her?
9. What do you believe are your child's strengths in applying for college?
- a. Academic strengths:
- b. Other strengths:
10. What kind of social atmosphere do you think is best suited to your child?
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dominated by liberal political attitudes      | <input type="checkbox"/> Career consciousness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dominated by conservative political attitudes | <input type="checkbox"/> Social consciousness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed political attitudes                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Moral consciousness  |
12. Please write a summary 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? (Attach)

Parent/Guardian Signature



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*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.*

### QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT

1. Do you want to be . . .
  - able to come home in an hour or so every weekend?
  - able to come home in half a day's drive?
  - able to come home only on vacations?
2. Do you have a geographical preference?
  - South                       Mid-Atlantic
  - Southwest                 Midwest
  - West                         New England
3. Do you prefer certain states? If so, list them.
4. Which do you prefer?
  - Urban setting       Suburban setting     Rural setting     No Preference
5. Do you have a sense of what size school might suit you best?
  - Small (500-2,000)    Medium (2,000-15,000)    Large (15,000+)    No Preference
6. Do you think you know what you want to study in college?      Yes      No  
If you circled "yes," what is your intended area of study? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are there any other general preferences you have at this point? Fraternities and sororities?

Colder climate? Warmer Climate? Other?

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR GOALS & VALUES**

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?

What values are most important to you? What do you care about most?

How do you define success? Are you satisfied with your accomplishments to date? What do you want to accomplish in the years ahead?

What kind of person would you like to become? Of your unique gifts and strengths, which would you most like to develop?

If you had a year to go anywhere and do whatever you wanted, where would you go and what would you do?

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

## QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR EDUCATION

What are your academic interests? Which courses have you enjoyed the most and which have been the most difficult for you?

Did your high school curriculum include any subjects/classes that were too challenging? Not challenging enough? Explain.

How do you learn best? What methods and styles of teaching engage your interest and effort the most? Books? Lectures? One-on-one discussions? Group discussions? Writing about a subject? Hands-on?

What level of academic challenge do you want in college?

- Intense! High expectations, high stress, high workload, pushing my academic muscles to the max.
- Strong academic challenge, but not extreme.
- Less intense academic emphasis, a school that balances intellectual with social development.
- Not serious. I want a school with fewer expectations, a place where I can relax.

What kind of social atmosphere do you think is best suited to you?

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What has been your most stimulating intellectual experience in recent years?

