

Request for Counselor Recommendation

(To be completed by students needing a recommendation from their counselor)

Dear Student:

The responsibility of preparing the counselor section of your college application and writing your recommendations is very important to me as your counselor. Presenting a complete picture of you as a student along with your academic and intellectual potential, is a difficult task. I need the help of your teachers, parents, and most importantly you. This questionnaire is your opportunity to inform me of all of those important aspects of you as a person that may not be evident to a college as they simply view your transcript and your activities. Please keep this in mind as you answer as many of the following questions as possible. Answer them with careful thought, consideration, and honesty, for you are a very important and unique individual. I look forward to working with you and your family during your college application process.

Thank you,

Your Counselor

Name: _____
Birthdate: _____
SS#: _____
Anticipated College Major: _____
Anticipated Occupation: _____
Other Plans: _____

Please list colleges/scholarships for
which recommendations are needed:

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- What are your academic interests? Explain.
- Which specific courses might you like to study in college?
- What two or three books that you have read recently, have had the greatest impact on you and why?
- Please describe a single academic accomplishment of which you are most proud and tell why you take special pride in it.
- What circumstances, if any have interfered with your academic performance? Is the high school record of your grades an accurate measure of your ability and potential?
- What kind of learner are you? What academic settings do you like and what kinds of assignments motivate you and capture your interest? What interests you in general?
- Please describe any of your mentoring, independent research or practicum experiences (inside or outside of school).
- What have you gained or learned from your high school activities? Be specific. Which activity was more important to you? Why?
- Is there any activity outside of school that has been of significant importance to you? Please explain why. Which outside school activity do you enjoy most? Explain.
- List three most admirable and distinguishable qualities. Explain each with several sentences.
- Everyone has some shortcomings. How do you compensate for shortcomings that you have noticed within yourself?
- Are there any special honors or activities that you would like me to mention in your recommendation?
- Share something about yourself that does not appear on your resume or school record that is unique to you.
- What are your future goals? What do you hope to accomplish in college and after graduation?
- Explain why you are a good candidate for college.
- Is there anything about your family (cultural background, shared interests, concerns, learning languages, etc.) that has a significant impact on your own interests, concerns, learning patterns, motivation, or grades?
- Is there anything else that I should know in order to understand you more fully as a person and as a learner?