

Parent Questionnaire for Counselor Letter of Recommendation

Please complete this questionnaire before your students meets with their counselor regarding the letter of recommendation. We value and appreciate parent input for you know your student better than anybody else. Your responses provide valuable insights and help us write strong letters of recommendation. Specific examples, stories, or brief anecdotes that expand upon any of your responses are very helpful. Your comments may be used as we compose your student's recommendation. We will not share your responses with your student but encourage you to consider doing as it is nice for them to hear the positive things you share.

Please return this directly to your student's counselor.

Parent Name _____

Student Name _____

Counselor Name _____

1. List three or four adjectives to describe your student, and provide examples that illustrate these characteristics.
2. What role has your family's ethnicity or cultural background played in your student's life?
3. What is a challenge your student has faced and how has that shaped the person they are today? (health problems, family circumstances, frequent moves, not making a team, disappointment from a friendship, unhappy with a grade, etc...)
4. Describe a characteristic or accomplishment that we might not know about - something that won't show up on your student's activity record. For example, achieving Eagle Scout, maintaining perfect attendance throughout high school, helping to financially support your family, unique relationship with extended family or community member, etc.
5. Are there any unusual family or personal circumstances that have affected your student's educational experience or development, which you think would be helpful for a college to know? By sharing this information, you are giving me permission to share this in your student's letter of recommendation.
6. In what areas has your student shown the most development and growth in high school?
7. Admissions professionals routinely share with us how much they appreciate the stories and anecdotes that we include in our letters or recommendation. If you could think of one anecdote that sums up your student's character, integrity, compassion for others and/or maturity, what would it be?
8. Although my student may not tell you, I feel it is important for you to know:
9. If I could write my student's recommendation I would write: