



10. Please use the space provided here to identify and discuss an academic experience you have completed that has meant a great deal to you during high school:

11. Please use this space to discuss briefly the one or two extracurricular, work, or community activities that have meant the most to you during high school:

12. Please list any academic distinctions or honors you have won.

13. If you have lived anywhere other than the Dallas Metroplex, please list where you have lived, with years:

14. List any athletic honors or accomplishments:

15. Please list any non-academic distinctions or honors not already listed.

16. Briefly describe how you have spent the last two summers.

17. Describe yourself in one complete sentence:

18. What do you think are your greatest academic strengths?

Weaknesses?

19. What do you think are your greatest personal strengths?

Weaknesses?

20. If a friend were to describe you, what three or four words might this friend use?

## Part II. Questions Which Evaluate Your College Preferences

1. Are you interested in (or at least open to) a college which is (Please check if Yes):
  - Outside of Texas
  - Outside the Southwest
  - More than a day's drive from home
  - Not necessarily "highly selective" or famous
  - For men or women only
  - Located in an urban setting
  - In a rural or suburban setting, but near a large city
  - In a rural or small-town setting, not near a large city
  - With strong religious affiliations
  - A large college or university (often public)
  - A smaller (usually private) liberal arts college
2. What size student body do you feel would be best for you in choosing a college:  
\_\_\_\_\_ very large (over 15,000)                      \_\_\_\_\_ large (5,000-15,000)  
\_\_\_\_\_ medium (2,000-5,000)                      \_\_\_\_\_ small (fewer than 2000)
3. What type of academic environment do you feel most comfortable in?  
\_\_\_ intensely rigorous    \_\_\_ relatively rigorous    \_\_\_ laid-back    \_\_\_ individual, self-paced
4. Please list, in order of preference, the locale of colleges you might like to attend:  
\_\_\_\_\_ urban                      \_\_\_\_\_ suburban                      \_\_\_\_\_ rural                      \_\_\_\_\_ no preference
5. Does it matter to you if your college has a particularly strong academic department and, if so, which department?
6. Are you interested in a particular extracurricular offering, which might be somewhat unusual? (e.g., equestrian/crew/ski team/radio station, etc.):
7. What other extracurricular activities do you wish to pursue in college? (orchestra, fraternities or sororities, Hillel, etc.)
8. How do you want to grow and change in the next few years?
9. How do you feel about going to a college where you are rarely told what to do?

10. How do you feel about the degree of structure and direction you need or desire?

11. What kinds of surroundings are essential to your well-being? (specific places, activities, terrain, weather, or quality of life which makes you happy):

13. Are any of the following important for you? (feel free to elaborate)

- ★ Fraternities or sororities
- ★ Big-time intercollegiate athletics
- ★ Active intramural athletic programs
- ★ A geographically diverse student body
- ★ A culturally and socio-economically diverse student body
- ★ A prestigious college name
- ★ Friends or relatives also in attendance at a particular school
- ★ A close student-faculty relationship with small classes guaranteed
- ★ Large classes where you can be anonymous
- ★ Schools where class attendance is noticed and important
- ★ A university with professional programs (i.e. business, engineering, nursing school) as opposed to a pre-graduate school liberal arts program
- ★ Strong post-college employment or graduate school placement programs
- ★ Guaranteed on-campus housing for two years
- ★ Guaranteed on-campus housing for four years
- ★ Active on-campus life during the weekends
- ★ A strong academic advising program
- ★ Easy access to on-campus student employment
- ★ A college where most of the freshman return for the sophomore year
- ★ Where most students graduate after four years
- ★ Where lots of students receive financial aid
- ★ A college which meets 100% of demonstrated financial need.
- ★ A college with lots of ethnic diversity

14. Please list the geographic areas that interest you for college choice, in order of preference:

\_\_\_\_\_ Southeast    \_\_\_\_\_ Midwest    \_\_\_\_\_ Southwest    \_\_\_\_\_ Northwest  
\_\_\_\_\_ New England    \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Atlantic    \_\_\_\_\_ Texas  
\_\_\_\_\_ California    \_\_\_\_\_ Outside the US (where?):

Are you likely to be applying for financial aid?

Any other concerns that you may have or additional criteria for choosing your college that may not have been asked: