

KHS Counselor Questionnaire

Distinctive Qualities

How will you set yourself apart from all other applicants? What talents, characteristics and/or traits do you have that will impress a college and make you **UNIQUE**?

EXAMPLE: *What sets me apart from other applicants is my work ethic and how I have persevered through different subject areas that were originally difficult for me. I would say in general that my motivation is what makes me the person and applicant I am today.*

What are the first words that come to mind to describe you? Ask your friends and family to describe you if you need specific examples. Storytelling is encouraged if a few words can't come to mind!

When looking back at my high school record, I am most proud of:

EXAMPLE: *The friendships I have formed with others, and the musical accomplishments I've obtained.*

How have you changed as a person and as a student over the last four years? Please share any experiences, events, or milestones as examples.

What is the biggest challenge you've faced as a high schooler? How did it affect you, what did you do, and how did you change as a result?

EXAMPLE 1: *Taking Pre-Calculus my junior year was extremely difficult. The pace of work that was expected of me was unlike anything I had ever experienced in high school before. For the first time I sought out help in the Pride Center and began to read and study every night. Even though I ended up with a B in the class, I learned more about hard work and determination than I ever had before.*

EXAMPLE 2: *Musically, the biggest challenge in my life has been working towards my goals to become proficient in my viola skills. Since I started taking lessons so much later than most others, I have had to strive everyday to climb the ranks in order to achieve the status of first chair in the KHS Orchestra.*

Academic History

Looking over the past several years at Kirkwood, what is your favorite subject? What classroom experiences have you valued most? Why? Be specific.

Does this class relate to what you might want to study in college?

Do you feel your academic performance is reflective of your abilities? If not, why?

Is there anything on your transcript that you feel needs clarification? If so, explain.

What things would you like to do for a lifetime career?

Activities, Interests, & Areas of Impact

What activities have you been involved in at KHS?

(including clubs, class office, athletics, journalism/yearbook, DECA, Link Crew, Circle of Friends, KYS, National Honors Society, Peer Mentors, Youth and Government, KHS Players, Band, Orchestra, etc.)

What activities have you been involved in outside of KHS:

(including work experience, babysitting, community service, family commitments, or any special interests)

Which activity has meant the most to you and why?

EXAMPLE: "What I did Habitat for Humanity, what I began to see was how my own personal volunteer work had an enormous impact on communities"

EXAMPLE: Having a job (babysittings is also included as a job) outside of high school has allowed me to create and foster relationships that I wouldn't have had otherwise. Helping customers is rewarding and making/having my own money allows me to have a sense of financial security and freedom I wouldn't have had otherwise.

Additional Recommendation Comments

Are there any particular family circumstances or stressors that you would like your counselor to know about?

What three things would you like the College Admissions Committee to know about you?– Bullet points are fine.

What Colleges are you applying to?

Other than those you've asked to write a recommendation letter on your behalf, what teachers, staff, coaches, etc. know you well?