

Houston High School Student Information Page

This paperwork is required if you are applying to a college or for a scholarship that will require a counselor's letter of recommendation. Please note: The information you provide in this questionnaire will help us in writing your letters of recommendation. We want to write the best letter possible to help you stand out amongst the thousands of letters that colleges receive. Please take this seriously and answer the questions thoroughly and honestly. The more information that we have, the better.

Name: _____

First College Application Deadline Requiring a LOR: _____

1. What are five adjectives that you would use to describe yourself in or out of the classroom? **List one or two stories to explain.**
2. Are you a first-generation college student? Or, where did your parents graduate college?
3. What are some interesting facts about you or your family? Have you lived in other states or countries? Do you have any special traditions? List anything that you think is important.
4. Are you fluent in any foreign languages? If so, which languages are spoken at home?
5. What do you think you would like to study in college and why?
6. Do you think that your high school record is/is not a reflection of your ability and potential? Why? Please explain.
7. List and describe activities/hobbies/special interests that you are/were involved in both in high school and outside of school, in order of importance, including why they are important.
8. If you listed any volunteer activities in question seven, what has volunteering taught you about yourself, others, and your community? How did you make a difference in someone else's life? Give details.
9. List and describe honors, awards, or recognition you have received while in high school that are meaningful to you.
10. Describe an undertaking in which you demonstrated leadership. What circumstances prompted your involvement? How did you go about it? What did you learn from your shortcomings and successes?
11. How have you spent the past two summers? Did you attend or participate in any summer programs? Did you have a job? If so, where and what was your job? Did you have an internship or volunteer? As a student, volunteer, or employee, what were your duties, and what have you learned about yourself or others? Please explain.
12. What was your most challenging experience/issue over the last four years? How did you overcome it or work through it? Give details.
13. What else should we know about you to help you stand out in the crowd?