

North Stafford High School Senior Questionnaire

Letters of recommendation are an integral part of your college application. Letters of recommendation are valued by college admissions because they help paint the picture of you as a student outside of your academic record. Recommendations speak to your work ethic, your character, and other aspects of *you* that are not reflected in your transcript. Please fill out this senior questionnaire to help your recommenders write you a more personalized and accurate letter of recommendation. Please be as detailed as possible. *The more detailed you are in your answers, the more personalized your letter will be.* You can write on this page or type up a formal document. We recommend you type your answers and submit a clean, easy to read copy. **When you have finished, email to counseling secretary Ms. Rinck at rinckml@staffordschools.net.**

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____	Parent Name: _____
Email: _____	Parent Email: _____
Phone Number: _____	Parent Phone Number: _____

What colleges/universities are you applying to? Please list each school and indicate whether you are applying Early Action (EA), Early Decision (ED), or Regular Decision (RD):

What is your intended major?

What is your career goal?

ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

Please provide us with a list of your activities and awards. Be sure to include athletic teams, club memberships, extracurricular activities, and leadership positions. Please begin with your freshman year.

STUDENT QUESTIONS

1. Why are you applying to the schools you listed above? Is the location important? Do they have specific majors/programs? Did someone in your family attend that school? Give us insight as to why you chose these schools.
2. Do your grades reflect your ability and/or potential? Why or why not? Do you work hard for your grades or does it come naturally to you?
3. In reviewing your transcript is there anything you would like to explain to colleges in order to put your grades or course selection in an appropriate context? If so, explain.
4. What is your greatest academic achievement? Why is this your greatest achievement?
5. What was your favorite class? Why was that your favorite class?
6. Are there any teachers that have had a positive impact on your life? If so, who and why?
7. Of all the activities in which you have been involved during high school, which activity has been most important to you and why? (You may choose a school-affiliated program or an independent one)
8. What is your greatest non-academic achievement? Why?
9. How have you contributed to the school or local community? Please give specific examples.

10. How have you shown evidence of leadership ability? Please give specific examples.

11. Describe your family background – where you were born, how many siblings, etc... How have family members influenced your life in a significant way?

12. Name three or more characteristics that describe your personality and any situation where these traits have been demonstrated.

13. How would your best friend describe you?

14. In the words of Kelly Clarkson, “What doesn’t kill you makes you stronger.” Describe an obstacle you have had to overcome. How has this affected you either positively or negatively? What did you learn? How did overcoming this obstacle help you grow?

15. If you had to choose a motto to live by, what would it be and why?