

SURVEY FOR PARENTS

The following survey has a number of objectives. Primarily, it represents your opportunity to communicate your insights, expectations and unique understanding of your child to the ASA counseling staff. This survey will become an important element in your child's counseling file, where it will complement statistical data (transcripts, test scores, school profiles, etc.) with more personal information specific to your child and your family. Responding thoughtfully to these questions should also help to increase your awareness of complex issues that you will face during the admissions process.

We suggest that you work through this survey without input from your son or daughter. After you have completed the survey, you can meet as a family to talk about your answers. Feel free to add additional comments on separate sheets of paper or add responses to multiple-choice questions. All of the information you provide will prove invaluable to your child's ASA college counselor.

Student Name (please print) _____ Campus Student Is Attending _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____ Summer Phone _____

section 1: personal information

What three words or phrases would you choose to describe your son/daughter?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

What are the primary reasons you want your child to go to college?

Do you think he or she should go to college directly after finishing high school? YES NO

Do you have specific schools in mind that you'd like your child to consider or attend? If so, which ones?

If you attended college, which one(s)? _____

Does your child have siblings who are attending, or have attended college? If so, which one(s)

Which aspects of the college admissions process and of having your child actually going to college are you most apprehensive about? _____

Which aspects are you most looking forward to? _____

Do you think your child feels pressure from you or others to attend a specific school or type of school? If so, please explain.

Who do you think should decide which colleges your child applies to and the college he/she eventually attends?

- He or She should choose independently He or She should choose, taking into consideration parental input
 He or She should choose with strong parental input Parent(s) should choose, taking into consideration the child's input

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Name three things your son or daughter is doing right now and you hope will continue to do in college

(i.e. participating in marching band, learning Italian, etc.):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Name three things your son or daughter is not doing now, but you hope will do in college (academic or otherwise):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Name three things not mentioned above, that you think are crucial requirements that must be taken into account in college selection (i.e. vegetarian cafeteria options, strong study abroad programs, etc.):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What are your child's SAT I scores (or ACT or PSAT) _____

Will your child retake the SAT I? If so, when? _____

How many colleges do you expect your child to apply to? (EXAMPLE: DREAM 3 REACH 5 TARGET 7)

DREAM _____ REACH _____ TARGET _____

section 2: choosing the right college

As you respond to the following questions, imagine that you are designing the perfect college for your son or daughter. If you really have no preference in one area—or have several—be sure to say so. Place a checkmark (✓) by those preferences you feel very strongly about:

A. LOCATION

How far is the campus from home? (Within an hour's drive? a day's drive, or a flight? In a foreign country?)

Are you comfortable with your child attending a school that is primarily reached by airplane from your home?

Do you prefer a big city? Suburb? Small town?

What type of climate is most appealing to your child? How important is this?

Do you have other preferences or requirements? (i.e. near the mountains, close to grandparents?)

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Do you have specific locations in mind? (i.e. New England, California, New York City)

Which, if any, of the above expectations conflict with your child's?

B. ENROLLMENT

Will your child do his or her best in a small college (under 2,500 students)? A medium-small college (2,500-5,000)?

A medium college (5,000-10,000)? A large college (10,000-18,000) A very large college (18,000+) ?

Do you prefer an institution that is primarily for undergraduates? YES NO

What advantages (if any) do you see in having graduate programs on campus? _____

Would you consider a single-sex school? YES NO **Would you prefer one?** YES NO

Do you prefer a school with a religious affiliation (and/or a strong majority of one religious group)? If so, which religious group? YES NO

Would a religious affiliation bother you? YES NO

Is geographic diversity in a student body important to you? YES NO

Is racial/ethnic diversity important to you? YES NO

What preferences (and prejudices) do you think your child has regarding the size and student composition of the college he or she will attend? _____

C. ACADEMICS

Does your child have a major in mind? If so, what is it?

How committed to this major do you think your child is?

Does he or she have a career goal? If so, what is it?

How do you feel about his or her choice of major?

What other academic areas do you hope your son or daughter will pursue in college?

Do you think your child works better in highly competitive environments or in environments less likely to put him or her under pressure?

How hard do you think your child works in high school?

- Very hard (sometimes, too hard)
- Somewhat hard
- Hard (particularly before tests and assignment deadlines)
- What's work?

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How hard do you think your child expects to work in college?

- Very hard (sometimes, too hard) Somewhat hard
 Hard (particularly before tests and assignment deadlines) What's work?

Do you think a college should have a core curriculum (cross-disciplinary requirements)? YES NO

What special academic focuses or programs appeal to you? (i.e. ROTC, study abroad, engineering, arts, etc.)

D. CAMPUS LIFE

What extracurricular activities do you hope your child will pursue in college? _____

Would you like your son or daughter to join a fraternity or sorority? YES NO

How do you expect your son or daughter to spend most weekends?

- Coming home Studying Partying
 With friends Some studying; some socializing Working
 Playing/watching sports Other

Would you prefer a college with a reputation for being

- Conservative High pressure Other
 Liberal A party school

E. LIVING SITUATION

Would you prefer your child to live

- at home in a single-sex dorm in a fraternity or sorority house
 with a relative in a coed dorm in an apartment off campus

Has your child ever shared a bedroom? YES NO

How will your child do with a college roommate? _____

Where do you think your child prefers/expects to live? _____

section 3: finances

Will cost influence where your child attends college? YES NO

Do you plan to apply for financial aid? YES NO

How much money, if any, have you budgeted for annual college expenses for your child?

What amount, if any, do you expect your child to contribute from earnings and assets?

How much do you expect to borrow to pay for college? _____

How much do you expect your child to borrow? _____

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO ANSWER THIS SURVEY. PLEASE MAIL, FAX OR EMAIL TO:
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