

Recommendation Questionnaire
Part 1

INSTRUCTIONS: You may type your answers and either e-mail the completed questionnaire (meghanduffy@giffthillschool.org) or give a hard copy to Ms. Meghan. Once this is completed, please make an appointment with Ms. Meghan at least 2-3 weeks prior to your first college application deadline to review this packet.

Name: _____

COLLEGE PLANS

- What does your ideal school look like? (i.e. location, size, specific programs, religious affiliation, etc)?

- What would the atmosphere be at the “perfect” college?

- Have you visited any schools yet? If so, what were your impressions?

- Please list colleges/universities that you may be considering at this time:

- What is your intended major? If unknown, write “unknown”.

- If you are undecided about a major what are the career/academic areas that interest you the most?

- Are there any other special factors that will be considered in your application process? (e.g. athletic recruit, music/acting audition, art portfolio, parent or family legacy)

- When is your 1st Deadline? Are you applying Early Action or Early Decision?
- Who have you asked/who do you intend to ask to write recommendation letters for you?
- To what degree is Financial Aid a factor in your decision?
 - _____ Necessary
 - _____ Desirable
 - _____ Not applying for Financial Aid
- Are you the first person in your family to attend College?

“ALL ABOUT YOU” INFORMATION

- What hobbies or interests do you pursue in your free time? Please give examples that demonstrate the depth of your interest.
- Which activity (club, sport, hobby, job, community service) has been the most meaningful for you? Why? Please feel free to include school and non-school activities.
- Please list any honors or distinctions you have received in the last 4 years. (academic honors, leadership awards, etc.)
- Describe any summer programs, travel, or work experiences that have been meaningful for you. (i.e. summer job, independent study, programs at local colleges, universities, travel abroad)
- Describe one leadership role you have experienced. How did it impact you?

- What are your proudest accomplishments?
 - Academic-
 - Personal-

- What courses have you enjoyed the most or learned the most? Why?

- What courses have been the most difficult for you? Why?

- How have you challenged yourself in high school?

- Is your academic record an accurate measure of your ability and potential? If not, what do you consider the best measure of your potential for success in college?

- What circumstances, if any, have interfered with your academic performance?

- Is this something you would like to be shared in your recommendation letter?

- What are five adjectives that describe you?

- What are your greatest strengths?

- It is difficult to communicate to a college all that you have experienced, accomplished and become. What would you most like to have recognized as a college considers your candidacy? What distinguishes you from other students in your grade?
- What do you admire in other people?
- Is there any other information that would be helpful in writing your recommendation? What else should colleges know about you?

ACTIVITY SHEET Feel free to attach a resume instead

Activities	Grades Participated	Hours Per Week	Positions Held Or Work Involved

Work Experience	Start Date/ End Date	Hours Per Week	Responsibilities

Awards/Honors High School Only	Grade	Description

PARENT "BRAG SHEET" FOR COLLEGE RECOMMENDATION

Student's Name _____

Parent's Name _____

Instructions: You may type directly on this form, save it to your computer to e-mail or bring a written hard copy to Ms. Meghan.

1. What do you consider to be your child's outstanding accomplishments during the past three or four years? Why did you select these as most important?
2. In what areas has your child shown the most development and growth during the past three or four years?
3. What do you consider to be his/her outstanding personality traits?
4. If you had to describe your son/daughter in five adjectives, what would they be?
5. Are there any unusual or personal circumstances that have affected your child's educational or personal experiences?
6. Do you have any concerns about size, cost, or location (including distance from home), that will impact your child's college choices?
7. Is there anything else that we should have asked and didn't?

Please feel free to use a second sheet of paper if your comments do not fit into the space provided.