



The Park School of Baltimore

College Counseling Office - Family Questionnaire

Your answers to the questions below will be used to help us understand your child's experience, provide support and advocate for them throughout the college process, and prepare our recommendation letter to the colleges.

Student (*first and last name*):

Parent completing this form (*first and last name*):

Parent Insights - Please answer at least 3 of the following 5 questions

1. Describe a time you saw your child really excited about something they were learning in or out of school.
Examples may include personal projects, topics of interest, conversations at the dinner table, or books a student is reading on their own.
2. What evidence do you see of your child taking initiative?
3. When have you observed your child persevering or bouncing back from difficulty or disappointment?
4. What qualities or accomplishments do you think your child would want highlighted in their college application?
What qualities or accomplishments would you highlight?
5. What positive qualities do you see in your child that they might not be as aware of in themselves? Recount an anecdote or two that illustrates one or more of the above qualities.

Personal/Family Circumstances

- Other than the pandemic, are there any significant circumstances that have affected your child over the past several years? (We know that the pandemic had a significant impact on all of our students, but if your child was affected more profoundly by it, please explain.)

- Does your student have a learning disability or medical issue that has warranted special accommodations? (We will not disclose this information without your explicit written permission. During your family meeting, we will provide a Confidential Release Form which you can use to indicate whether we have your permission to disclose the information you provide in response to this question.)

College Readiness

1. How confident are you that your child is academically prepared for college?
2. How confident are you that your child has developed the organizational skills necessary to be successful in college?
3. How confident are you that your child will be able to manage the logistics of living away from home (e.g. getting up on time, eating three meals a day, making it to class and appointments on time, etc.) ?
4. How confident are you that your child will make social connections with others?

Please use the space below to go into greater detail about any of your above responses.

We recognize that every student's path after high school might be different. As you and your child have discussed life after Park, what potential options have you discussed. Please check all that apply.

- Attend a 4-year liberal arts college or university
- Attend a 2-year community college
- Go directly into the workforce
- Take a gap year
- Join the military or participate in a service opportunity like City Year, Maryland's Service Year Option, or Maryland Corps

A Final Thought

- Some colleges (a small handful) ask for a parent recommendation. If you were going to write a recommendation letter for your child, how would it begin? Please use the space below to write a few sentences (no more than a short paragraph) to communicate what you would most want colleges to know about your child. (Please try to focus on what is unique, exciting, and memorable about your child.)



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College Counseling Office – Financial Questionnaire

We recognize that, for many families, financial factors will play an important role in the college application process. As we work with students and families, it can be helpful for us to be aware of certain financial realities as we support students in developing their college lists. Please take a moment to answer the following questions. All of your responses will be kept confidential and will not be shared beyond the College Counseling Office.

Student's Name:

Do you anticipate that your family will apply for financial aid?

a) If you answered “yes,” or “maybe” above, we strongly advise you to complete the **Net Price Calculator** of at least **three colleges** (preferably a combination of public and private institutions). The Net Price Calculators, which can be found on the website of every college, will ask you for basic financial information and then give you an estimate of what you are likely to be expected to contribute toward the costs of a year of college. Below please write the lowest and highest outputs you received and from which schools.

Lowest: _____ **Highest:** _____

b) Please comment below on the results you received and whether the range is a conceivable amount for your family to contribute.

c) What is the absolute maximum **annual** amount your family feels comfortable spending on the total cost of attendance (*tuition, room/board, travel, and incidentals*)?

d) If you currently receive tuition assistance at Park, do you grant the College Counseling Office permission to discuss your information with Park's Tuition Assistance Office in order to gain a clearer understanding of how finances may play a role in the college process?