

Senior Questionnaire – “21 Questions”

Senior year is right around the corner which means college application season is quickly approaching.

One part of the college application process may be a recommendation letter from your counselor. Your school counselors want to personalize your letter and talk about you in the best light! To do this, we want as much information about you as possible. This is your chance for colleges to know things about you that you cannot include in the rest of your application. Please take your time to thoughtfully and thoroughly answer these questions. The more you tell us, the better!

Please leave questions in bold and answers in regular font.

- 1. Describe yourself in 5 adjectives or more (avoid common adjectives like “kind” and “hardworking”).**
- 2. If you had a song play every time you walk into a room, what would it be and who is it by?**
- 3. In 2-3 sentences, how would you best describe yourself to a stranger?**
- 4. What is your biggest strength and biggest weakness (elaborate)?**
- 5. What sets you apart from the group? Try to capture your uniqueness and describe it. (This response can describe your academic, extracurricular, or personal life. Do not say work ethic, hard worker, etc. What makes YOU stand out?)**
- 6. What is your favorite motto or quote, who said it, and why is it your favorite?**
- 7. What person (current or historical) do you most admire? Why?**
- 8. Describe your MOST favorite academic experience in high school (be specific):**
- 9. Describe your MOST favorite non-academic experience in high school (be specific):**
- 10. Do you have any hobbies or interests that are not included on your resume? If so, please elaborate. This is where you can include your pictures of art, blog links, YouTube videos, etc.**
- 11. How have you best contributed to our STA school community, and in what ways do you think you’ll contribute most to a college community?**
- 12. Describe 3 ways you have changed since your freshman year.**
- 13. When you graduate from STA, what will you be remembered for most?**
- 14. What is the most difficult decision you have had to make? What was it and why was it difficult?**
- 15. How do you react to setbacks? Give a specific example:**
- 16. Of which of your accomplishments are you most proud and why?**
- 17. Describe a personal experience which you have had that has significantly changed you as a person, changed your view on some subject, or changed your outlook on life.**

18. What would you like colleges to know about you that might not be obvious by looking at your application/transcripts? For example, did a personal crisis, illness or an accident adversely affect your grades for a period of time?

19. Name your chosen college major or career and explain why you have developed an interest in that area (if you are not sure yet, you can write “undecided” or what subject areas you are most passionate about).

20. What are the most important characteristics in your future college? Be specific (think major, location, size, etc).

21. Do you have a top choice college? If so, which one and why? What makes this college unique and special to you (do not say location, weather, or because “my parent/cousin/sibling/uncle/friend/neighbor went there or lives close by”)?