

## Top 25 Potential Questions You Might Face During a College Interview

Your college interviews are not supposed to be a re-hash of your application. The interviewer and the college already have that information. What they want from an interview is to meet the person behind the application. They want to see more of the authentic you.

To help you review all the wonderful and amazing and cool parts of yourself, go over these questions before your interview. While it helps to think of your answers, DO NOT MEMORIZE THEM. Focus on how these questions make you feel confident. The best way to approach this is to look for themes and stories about your life that you can pull out to answer many of the questions.

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1. Tell me about yourself.
2. What is your home life like?
3. What would you do differently about high school if you had to do it again?
4. What are your favorite subjects in school?
5. What do you like to do in your free time?
6. What are some extracurriculars you are passionate about?
7. What are your strengths?
8. What are your weaknesses?
9. What do you do to remedy those weaknesses?
10. Describe yourself in 1-3 words. *(Some say one. Some say three.)*
11. Describe something you have done that displays your character.
12. What does the term leadership mean to you?
13. Who has encouraged or inspired you?
14. Be prepared to talk about "supplemental essay" questions:
  - a. Your favorite X *(author, mentor, person, etc.)*
  - b. An obstacle in your life you've overcome
  - c. What has influenced you the most in your life?
  - d. Talk about a time when you had to resolve a conflict
  - e. Talk about a time you've demonstrated leadership, etc.
15. What are you reading right now? Watching right now? Why do you like it?
16. Why do you want to study X?
17. Why X College? *(Follow-ups: Here you should have specific details – amazing classes or professors or programs you've heard about. What first drew you to this college and why do you think you're a good fit? What will you contribute?)*
18. What stuck out to you during your tour? *(If you visited campus.)*
19. What are 2 attributes that make you a good fit for our school?
20. How do you feel about moving away from home?
21. What are your plans after college? *(You don't have to be super specific – maybe say what field you're generally interested in, and perhaps offer one or two ideas you have in mind and why.)*
22. If an alien offered to take you on an epic space journey, but you could never see your friends and family on Earth again, would you go? *(In my experience, sometimes interviewers like to throw weird or unexpected questions at you just for fun.)*
23. Is there something you are so excited about it keeps you up at night?
24. What are some issues you're passionate about?
25. What is something you want to tell us but haven't gotten a chance to mention?