

School Interview Checklist

Before

- Research colleges through brochures, course catalogs, and the Web.
- Make an appointment.
- Get directions to the campus and admissions office.
- Practice answering the following sample questions.

During

Be prepared to answer...

- Why do you want to attend this school?
- What do you think will be your major? Why?
- How would you describe yourself to a stranger?
- What is your greatest accomplishment?
- What is the most significant contribution you've made to your school or community?
- What do you see yourself doing in the future? In five years? In ten years?
- What is your favorite book? Who's your favorite author?
- Tell me about your family.
- What extracurricular activities are important to you?
- What is your strongest/weakest point?
- If you could have lunch with one special person (dead or alive) who would it be? What would be your first question?
- Who are your heroes and why?
- How would you spend \$1 million in 24 hours?

Ask

(Ask at least three questions that can't be answered in the school's brochures.)

- Why would you recommend this school?
- How would you describe college life at this school?
- Do you have any advice for me?

Interview tips

- Get some practice. Try to schedule an interview at your "first choice college" last.
- Ask questions.
- Dress conservatively.
- Be focused, appropriately enthusiastic, confident, and honest.
- Thank the interviewer for the opportunity to learn more about the school.
- Make notes about the conversation
- Send a thank you note.