

The College Interview

25 QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU PREPARE

Use these common questions to help prepare and practice for your college interviews. Write short notes with a brief story or anecdote for each question. Then, have a parent or peer practice with you until you can recall them easily. Practice helps with nerves and will help you feel much more at ease in the real interview.

1. Tell me a little bit about yourself.
2. Why do you want to attend this university?
3. Why do you want to major in _____?
4. What are your strengths as a student?
5. Which strengths would you bring to this university?
6. What are areas of weakness for you in school? How have you overcome them?
7. Tell me about a time you had to overcome a challenge.
8. Tell me about a time you failed.
9. Tell me about a time when you had to work as part of a team.
10. What extracurricular activities do you participate in?
11. Tell me about a time you went above and beyond?
12. Are you looking at other colleges? Which ones?
13. Is there anything that's not on your application that you'd like to talk about?
14. How do you spend your free time?
15. Tell me about one of your favorite experiences in high school.
16. What are you most proud of accomplishing in high school?
17. What do you think makes a person successful?
18. What type of student are you in the classroom?
19. What do you hope to be doing in 10 years?
20. How do you plan on contributing to this school?
21. What would you change about your high school?
22. Tell me about your role model.
23. What is your favorite book? What book are you reading right now?
24. What makes you different from other students?
25. What do you hope to gain from your undergraduate experience?