



YOUR FIRST INTERVIEW

An interview is a great way to accentuate the positives about you that can't be seen on paper. Preparing properly for an interview is the best way to make sure you show off all those positives. Good preparation includes anticipating what questions might be asked during a college interview and being prepared to answer them. Always be prepared to answer the "WHY" that goes with each of these questions.

TIPS TO REVIEW BEFORE GOING TO AN INTERVIEW

- Get name of anyone you talk to when setting up or planning interview
- Get name & title of interviewer for thank you note & follow-up
- Start with your least difficult to get in to schools & least desired
- Prepare answers to anticipated questions
- Prepare questions to ask
- Dress appropriately & be punctual
- Don't offer any negative information. Don't apologize. You are the "buyer"

WHAT IS AN ALUMNI ADMISSIONS INTERVIEW?

Some colleges do not give personal interviews to students, but do offer the option of an alumni interview. Colleges are increasingly utilizing alumni in the college admissions process. In some cases on campus interviews are not granted, but once an application is filed, the student may arrange for an alumni interview. Many Ivy League schools utilize this system.

In other cases, on campus interviews are encouraged, but a student may be unable to arrange a visit. In such cases, the alumni interview may be requested, and is a good alternative. These interviews are arranged through the admissions office and may be conducted at your school, a local coffee shop, or

What do you do best?

Why do you want to go to college?

What is the last book you read?

What made you select this particular College or University?

Who is your favorite author?

What do you think you will add to University XYZ?

Who is your favorite character?

What do you consider to be your greatest asset?

Who is your favorite teacher?

What do you consider to be your greatest fault?

What person has influenced you the most?

To which other colleges are you applying?

What event has influenced you the most?

What books NOT required by the school have you read recently?

What makes you who you are?

Where do you picture yourself ten years from now?

What are your best traits?

What television shows do you watch?

What are your faults?

What magazines and/or newspapers do you read regularly?

What is your family like?

Do you have any heroes, contemporary or historical?

How do you spend a typical afternoon after school?
A typical evening? A typical weekend?

What have you liked, and what have you disliked about high school?

What significant contributions have you made to your school or your community?

If you were principal, what would you change?

What is the most important thing that you've learned in high school?

How are you unique?

We have your application, your transcript, your test scores, and recommendations. What ELSE do you want us to know about you?