

Waring School
College Planning
Student Questionnaire

Writing college counselor recommendations is primarily a process of gathering as much information as possible from as many sources as possible. I will be asking for input from faculty, staff, coaches, parents and anyone who knows you well enough to share well-informed and meaningful information; and obviously, your input is critically important. Please answer the questions below and email the answers to me. Ideally, I would like them before our first meeting. Send your responses to me at: hwingood@waringschool.org. Thank you.

1. How would people who know you best describe you: your best qualities, your shortcomings, who you are at your core?
2. How would you describe your family and its influence in your life?
3. How do you think Waring has shaped you on both academic and personal levels?
4. What are your academic interests? Which courses have you enjoyed the most and which have been most challenging and why?
5. Have you done any academic work outside of Waring that might be important for a college to know or that might direct your college choices?
6. What has been your most stimulating intellectual experience – in or out of school?
7. Complete the sentence, “I learn best when...”
8. Discuss your most important activities, at Waring and in the community (job, religious affiliation, travel, community service, etc.).
9. What has been your most satisfying experience outside the classroom? Why?
10. What did you do last summer, and do you have plans for next summer?
11. When you have spare time (a rare occurrence!) what do you enjoy doing?
12. Is there a profession or career path you would like to explore that would tap your interests and strengths?
13. Discuss two or three important priorities to consider as you begin your college search.
14. What are your definitions of success and happiness?
15. What are you most excited about and most nervous about as you look ahead to the college process?