

# Questions to Ask College Representatives

## Important Dates:

- early decision deadline
- regular application deadline
- financial aid application deadline
- campus housing deadlines

## Admission Questions:

- Which high school courses are required?
- How many years of a foreign language are required?
- Is either the SAT, or ACT required?
- What was the average high school GPA of the entering freshman class?
- What was the average SAT / ACT scores of the entering freshman class?
- Can you apply on-line?

## General Questions:

- How large is your campus?
- What are the five strongest majors at your institution?
- What type of extra-curricular activities are on campus?
- How can I arrange a campus visit? Are there any special visitation days on your campus?
- What type of high school background are you looking for in an applicant?
- Do you accept Advanced Placement test credits? If so, with what score?
- What percentage of a typical freshman class will actually graduate from your college?
- Do you have programs for study abroad?
- When must I choose a major?
- What additional academic services do you offer to students (tutoring, career counseling, study skills)
- How effective is your institution's honor code? What is the penalty for cheating?
- How many of last year's freshman returned for their sophomore year?
- What percentage of the freshman class earned better than a 2.0 GPA last year?
- How does your institution place students in their freshman classes?
- How are roommates selected?
- How many students reside on campus?
- How safe is your school? Where can I obtain statistics about crime on campus?

## **"TOUGH" QUESTIONS TO ASK COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PERSONNEL**

1. What can this school offer me that is different from, better than, or more unique than similar schools?
2. What percent of entering freshmen graduate?
3. What percent of students from last year's freshman class returned for their sophomore year?
4. (Show your personal data sheet.) What are my chances for being accepted?
5. If accepted, can you tell me what my predicted freshman grade point average will be?
6. What is the college's procedure for class placement in English and Mathematics?
7. How do you handle advanced placement credit?
8. How effective is the school's honor code?
9. What procedure is used to assign a faculty advisor when the student is undecided as to the major area of study?
10. What type of additional academic services does your college offer at no additional cost (tutoring? career counseling? study-skill workshops?).
11. Is your school a "suitcase college" on weekends? If not, what are some weekend activities for students on campus?
12. How are roommates selected if no preference is listed?
13. Is there adequate housing for all your students? If not, what arrangements are made?
14. What are some of the rules and regulations which govern residence halls? Are there coeducational residence halls?
15. How would you describe the typical student?
16. How important is student government?
17. What is the average size class?
18. What is the nature of the faculty?
19. If a large school or university, ask what percent of graduate students teach classes.

***PREPARE IN ADVANCE***