



The Park School of Baltimore

College Counseling Office — Family College Counseling Letter

Name of Person Completing this Form: _____

Name of Student: _____

Please take this opportunity to share information that you think is important for us to know in our efforts to support and to advocate for your child throughout the college process. This information will be used to help us understand the student's experience during our conversations with the student and **may also help us craft our recommendation letter to the colleges**. Share anything you think would be helpful for us to know. You may find the guiding questions below helpful as you craft your letter.

Please attach a separate document with your written responses.

- What words would you use to describe the student and why?
- In what pursuits have you observed the student to be most motivated and engaged?
- What are the accomplishments, personal qualities, or areas of growth or interest that you most admire about the student?
- What would you want colleges to know?
- Are there any significant circumstances that have affected the student over the past several years?
- What aspects of the student's high school career have been the most challenging?
- Does your student have a learning disability or medical issue that has warranted special accommodations? *(We will not disclose this information without explicit written permission. Please complete the Confidential Release Form to indicate preference.)*



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College Counseling Office — Financial Questionnaire

We recognize that, for many families, financial factors will play an important role in the college application process. As we work with students and families, it can be helpful for us to be aware of certain financial realities as we support students in developing their college lists. Please take a moment to answer the following questions. All of your responses will be kept confidential and will not be shared beyond the College Counseling Office.

Do you anticipate that your family will apply for financial aid?

- Yes No Maybe

a) If you answered “yes,” or “maybe” above, we strongly advise you to complete the **Net Price Calculator** of at least three colleges (preferably a combination of public and private institutions). The Net Price Calculators, which can be found on the website of every college, will ask you for basic financial information and then give you an estimate of what you are likely to be expected to contribute toward the costs of a year of college. Below please write the lowest and highest outputs you received and from which schools.

Lowest:

Highest:

b) Please comment below on the results you received and whether the range is a conceivable amount for your family to contribute.

c) What is the absolute maximum annual amount your family feels comfortable spending on the total cost of attendance (*tuition, room/board, travel, and incidentals*)?

d) If you currently receive tuition assistance at Park, do you grant the College Counseling Office permission to discuss your information with Park’s Tuition Assistance Office in order to gain a clearer understanding of how finances may play a role in the college process?

- Yes No