

We appreciate your interest in



To provide additional information regarding our interview design, the following interview standards are presented for your review. We are committed to strict adherence of the standards identified below:

1. Interviews with pairs of undergraduates and/or graduate students are welcomed and encouraged.
2. Our sole focus is to provide college students with a greater opportunity to share their knowledge about college with uprising high school and middle school students, particularly individuals who are the first in their family to go to college.
3. The only effort that will be required of participants is to provide insight regarding their college experience, outlined in the questions below.
4. All interviews will remain the sole property of the participant and will not be posted on the web without their express written consent.
5. Interviews may use digital audio and/or video, based on consent of the participants.
6. All students will maintain the right to anonymity in the posting of their interview. In such cases, the general region of the country will be noted (e.g. the Southeast).
7. All interviews will be recorded in a main student campus center, career center, or in large public spaces like the campus main lawn, etc.

Interview Questions



1. Please begin by stating your name, where you attend college (post-secondary school), and what year you are in college (post-secondary school).
2. How would you describe the community you are from? (e.g. the suburbs, city, small town, country)? Are there any characteristics in your mind that makes this place unique or different from what people might generally think?
3. What words would your friends use that best describe you from your perspective?
4. What career goals do you have related to what your future degree will allow you to do or become?
5. What are two to three things you feel all rising high school students should know about college? Why are these important from your perspective and experience?
6. What would you describe as the biggest difference between high school and college expectations related to both academics and life outside of school?
7. What advice do you have for students in regards to dealing with professors and getting used to the different expectations of college?
8. What area(s) of academic study do you find most interesting?
9. Have you had a chance to do things at college related to this interest and/or other areas that you would not have envisioned before you entered college?
10. Looking back on high school, which teachers do you feel best prepared you for college? What made their class and/or expectations stand out?

11. What was the size of your high school and in what kinds of activities did you take part (both in and outside of school)?

12. What do you wish a college student would have told you while you were in high school that would have potentially changed the way you looked at college?

13. Was there ever a time in high school when you considered not going to college? If so, what made you change your mind?

14. Are you a full-time or part-time student?

15. Do you have any brothers or sisters who have already gone to college? If so, where do they attend?

16. What advice would you have for students who believe they cannot afford college and that it is not worth the cost of taking out additional loans?

17. How would you rate your own knowledge of student loans? Are there things about student loans that you wish you knew more about?

18. What parting words of advice do you have for students who are trying to decide where to go to college?

We welcome all inquiries. Feel free to send comments, suggestions, and questions to college@opensourcelearner.org