

Parent/Guardian Statement

Writing the College Counselor letter of recommendation is one of the most complex and highly personal tasks of the college application process. As we gather information from a variety of sources (teachers, coaches, counselors, etc.) it is very helpful to have input from parents/guardians as well. Please share with us some of your thoughts and feelings about your child. You may want to include:

- Personal: How would you describe your child's character, aims, strengths, weaknesses, and values? We are proudest of him or her because...
- Academics: To what extent has your child genuinely interested in academic work and made full use of his or her intellectual potential? Is their record an accurate reflection of their ability? How do you assess their academic achievement to date and future academic potential? Are there any special circumstances that may have kept your child from performing his or her best?
- Extracurricular: Describe the quality, depth, breadth, and longevity of your child's overall performance and leadership in extracurricular, community service, and work activities.
- Anecdotes: If possible, please include specific examples or anecdotes regarding significant life experiences that will help us formulate a more complete picture of your child. These anecdotes are particularly helpful, especially coming from you. What five words would you use to describe your child?
- Additional Information: Are there any special circumstances, background information, or other factors that you would like us to know about your child? It would be extremely helpful to have five adjectives to describe your child. What makes your child special and unique?

Remember, we want to be the most effective advocates for your child. The more we know the better our recommendation letter can be! Thank you very much for your assistance and timely response.