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Date Received by Counselor _____



CCHS **COLLEGE** **PRE-APPLICATION** **PACKET**

- Please note: This packet is not designed to be completed in one session.
- You should answer a few questions at a time to allow sufficient opportunity to reflect upon and to formulate well thought out answers.
- You may download the electronic version from our website and submit it electronically or in paper format.

You must complete the following and submit to your School Counselor and/or teachers at least one month before your letter of recommendation is needed:

√ **AUTOBIOGRAPHY**

This document is designed to help you engage in the type of self-reflection that is critical at this point as a way of helping you determine those things that are most important to you. This information is what will guide you as you start looking for colleges. In addition this document will be a very valuable tool for your counselor and/or teacher as he or she writes your letter of recommendation.

√ **SENIOR INFORMATION SHEET**

Here again this is an important exercise designed to help you to decide which activities/experiences you may want to highlight in your applications. This is also obviously important information to share with your counselor and/or teacher for use in the letter of recommendation.

√ **PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE**

Who knows you better? This is not only an opportunity for your parents to brag about you, it is information that can provide some unique insights to you as a person. The answers to these questions are often highlighted in your counselor's letter of recommendation.

√ **PEER REFERENCE**

Sometimes a close friend can provide some special insights into your personality and character - also useful for your counselor and/or teacher.

√ **WAIVER FORM**

By waiving your right to review any letters of recommendation that are written for you, colleges will be much more likely to consider these letters as valid.

Name _____ Date _____

E-mail Address _____

Please clearly indicate your e-mail address. DO NOT use your school email for college applications. This will be a critical form of communication during this process and outside emails are sometimes blocked by school privacy filters.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

As part of your college application, your counselor is responsible for completing a “Secondary School Report”, which includes a letter of recommendation. The counselor hopes to present a sense of your promise for further personal and intellectual growth. In order to convey the qualities that make you “you”, we need an honest assessment of yourself, what you have done, and what you intend to do.

Please take the time to think about who you are and where you are headed. Don’t limit yourself to discussing only your school experiences; incorporate experiences and activities drawn from any part of your life, and *please be specific*.

We recommend that you make a copy of this autobiography to assist you in writing your college applications.

1. Which courses have interested you the most? In which ones have you had the most success? Please explain.

2. Which courses have been the most difficult or challenging and why?

3. What do you choose to learn on your own? What topics have you chosen in the recent past for research papers, or projects? Why did you choose these topics?

4. What do you do for fun?

5. Have you participated in any summer programs (e.g. academic, athletic, specialized camps, etc.)? If so please describe:

6. Do you feel your high school grades reflect your ability? Yes/No
If no, are there any outside circumstances that have interfered with your high school academic performance? Explain any physical or learning disabilities or difficult circumstances outside of school.

7. If you have traveled or lived in different localities and/or attended other schools, comment on those significant experiences. Are you fluent in any languages other than English?

8. Describe any involvement in volunteer work and why you chose that particular cause.

9. Have there been any other out-of-school activities that have helped your personal growth? Give examples.

10. How do you think you are different now going into your senior year compared to when you were a freshman?

11. Please give 3 words to describe you academically and 3 words to describe your character:

Academically I am:

As a person I am:

12. What do you consider your greatest strengths? Please elaborate.

13. What do you consider your weaknesses or blindspots? Please elaborate.

14. Who is your personal hero and why?

15. Who has had the greatest impact on your life and why?

16. If you were to write the opening paragraph of a letter of recommendation for you, what would it be:

17. What is your possible college major and why?

18. Please attach a copy of your college essay (a draft is fine). We are not proof reading this, we would just like to see what you wish to represent to the college for your application. However, if you would like feedback on your essay, please let your counselor know.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE AND DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENT

As a parent, you have spent more time with your child than any person in his or her life; we ask that you please share your thoughts on this form. We appreciate your insight.

Student's Name _____

1. Please describe your child as a person at home and outside of school. What qualities do you most admire? What anecdote might illustrate your child at his or her best?

2. In which areas have you witnessed the most development and growth in your child? Give examples.

3. If you had to describe your child choosing 5-6 words or phrases, which ones would you use?

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_____	_____	_____

4. Have there been any unusual personal circumstances, which have affected your child's educational experiences or personal development? Please explain.

5. Please describe your child in terms of achievement in school. What examples would you use to describe your child at his or her best in the school setting?

6. What would you most like a college admissions officer to know about your child? What do you feel they will bring to their college community?

Name of person completing this form: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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FERPA WAIVER

(Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)

Student's Name _____ Date of Birth _____
(Print)

With my parent's / guardian's knowledge and consent, I agree that all comments and recommendations written by Cornwall faculty, counselors, and other staff remain confidential to all educational institutions and future employers.

I understand that by signing below, I waive my right of access to such information.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____