

Self-Survey for the College-Bound

Respond carefully to these questions about your educational attitudes, goals, and perspectives. Be absolutely truthful and genuine as you answer each question. Keep in mind, there are no “correct” responses. For each item, check the appropriate answer category—“strongly agree,” “agree,” “lean toward disagree,” or “disagree.” Even if you are unsure of an answer or your response falls between two categories, answer every question but check only one answer per question.

Item	Strongly Agree	Agree	Lean Toward Disagree	Disagree
1. There are several social issues or causes that I care about deeply.				
2. I often participate in class discussions.				
3. I enjoy reading.				
4. I feel I know myself pretty well.				
5. I'm excited for my college years to begin.				
6. There are at least three things I can do better than others around me and at least three things others can do better.				
7. If I don't understand something in class, I typically feel comfortable asking my teacher a question.				
8. School is fun.				
9. I normally am enthused about the classes I am taking.				
10. I can identify at least one school subject or topic about which I am truly passionate.				
11. I believe one of the most important reasons to go to college is to get a job.				
12. I want to organize myself so I have time for both homework and for out-of-class activities.				
13. I love learning for the sake of learning.				
14. If I want to do something on a Saturday afternoon, I usually don't need my friends to do it with me.				
15. I am satisfied with my listening skills in my classes.				
16. I can truly say I enjoy school.				
17. I will enjoy college a lot more if I can see how my classes apply to real life.				
18. I am interested in and feel comfortable talking about current events.				
19. Going to college means growing, learning, changing. In other words, it is not just “the thing to do.”				
20. I enjoy learning things on my own (and not just for a class).				
21. I enjoy hearing and discussing other students' ideas in class.				
22. I see college more as a time for preparing for a career than for discovering my academic interests.				

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23. A college with a blend of studying and socializing is important to me (even if I'd need to sacrifice my grades a little bit to enjoy college).				
24. Even if my friends weren't there, I would still like school.				
25. My friends and I enjoy discussing concepts and new ideas.				
26. My parents don't have to remind me to study or do my homework.				
27. My English teachers commend me on the quality of my papers and written assignments.				
28. Making others happy is one of my primary goals.				
29. Most of the time, I feel others understand me.				
30. On most homework assignments, I do everything that needs to be done.				
31. I am comfortable making some decisions without my parents' input.				
32. I want to commit at least part of my life to bettering society.				
33. Unless I have decided on a career, it will be hard to choose a college.				
34. On most days, I look forward to going to school.				
35. Assuming there was a campus speaker on an interesting topic I knew little about, I'd likely attend.				
36. I am the sort of person who is comfortable going outside of my comfort zone.				
37. There is more to college than going to class and doing homework.				
38. I'm usually good at prioritizing my time to get my studying done.				
39. I usually find class discussions stimulating and interesting.				
40. Learning about many different academic subjects—history, English, math, and so on—is interesting to me.				
41. I usually initiate my own social activities.				
42. I tend to lose interest if class material isn't relevant to real world.				
43. By late summer, I'm eager to go back to school.				
44. The college philosophy "work hard/play hard" appeals to me.				
45. I see many benefits in going to college.				
46. I seek out ways to demonstrate my concern for political, national, and/or international issues.				
47. I seldom get "tongue-tied" when trying to express myself.				
48. Taking lots of different subjects in college (English, math, history, etc.) is not as appealing to me as focusing on those subjects I like.				
49. I usually go beyond class requirements, not because I have to, but because I am interested in the class.				
50. I like colleges that emphasize pre-professional programs (pre-med, pre-law, pre-business, etc.).				

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51. I want to go to college as much as my parents want me to go.				
52. It is easy for me to identify my favorite class in school.				
53. When I know the answer to a question in class, I usually raise my hand.				
54. I do not feel pushed into going to college.				
55. I am not afraid to take a position with which others will disagree.				
56. One of my top goals is to develop a philosophy of life.				
57. One of the prime reasons to go to college is to meet people who will be influential in helping me get a job later in life.				
58. I like a challenge, but I don't want to be academically overwhelmed in college.				
59. I can explain why I want to go to college.				
60. I like teachers who encourage me to think about how academic subjects interrelate.				
61. I am ready to begin thinking about my future and planning for college.				
62. In college, it will be important that I have time to spend with my friends.				
63. Learning by discussion is more fun than learning by listening to a teacher lecture.				
64. I keep up with news, politics, and international affairs via the newspaper, Internet, radio, or podcasts.				
65. It is not that important for me to look and act like my friends.				
66. When I walk into class, I feel prepared and ready to share what I know.				
67. Thinking about one of my weaknesses doesn't make me feel uncomfortable.				
68. The thought of going to college doesn't scare me.				
69. I'm pretty good at making decisions.				
70. Writing essays and papers is relatively easy for me.				
71. Building good relationships with teachers is important to me.				
72. I am willing to study hard in college, but I also want time to be involved in activities.				
73. As far as intelligence, I want the other kids at my college to be similar to me.				
74. I can easily identify the special qualities my friends like about me.				
75. If asked, I could easily list two or three words that describe me.				
76. My note-taking skills are good.				
77. I believe I know how to motivate myself to be successful in school.				
78. I am comfortable with my reading speed and comprehension.				
79. I seldom get homesick when I'm away from home for a few days.				
80. I enjoy volunteering my time to help people in need.				