

## AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Your counselor may be asked to prepare a Secondary School Report (SSR) for college or scholarship applications. An SSR provides a summary of your academic and extracurricular achievement. The counselor also presents some sense of your promise for further personal and intellectual growth. We want to convey your unique qualities, so, to do this, we need some information from you. Use the following questions to give us a picture of you.

It is best to word process your responses to the questions. They do not need to be in essay form, and you do not need to answer every question.

Mrs. Sheffield / A-G

Mrs. Gruss / H-O

/ P-Z

1. What is your personal family history? Where have you lived and with whom?
2. Do you have any regrets? Tell about that.
3. What is your academic history (schools you attended, etc.)?
4. Who/What is some person/thing/place that you love? Tell about it.
5. Comment on any significant travel experience(s).
6. What are your goals and aspirations for the future? What would you like to study in college?
7. What are your academic interests? Which courses have you enjoyed the most and which have given you the most difficulty? If there is an explanation for this, please elaborate.
8. Is there a fictional character or historical figure with whom you relate? Who is it, and why do you relate to him/her?
9. What circumstances, if any, have interfered with your academic performance? Do you consider your academic record an accurate measure of your ability and/or potential?
10. What do you consider your greatest strengths? How do you know they're strengths? What do you consider your weaknesses? What are you doing about these?
11. Has there been a time when you made a choice about something – whether it be major or minor – and it turned out differently than you anticipated? Was it a good result or bad, and what did you learn from making that choice?
12. What sports/school/church/community clubs and/or activities have you participated in, and what contributions have you made to/through them?
13. What's your favorite form of social media? How do you use it? Why do you like it? If you don't use social media, tell us about that.
14. Write a 25 word statement about yourself.
15. What are you writing about in your application essay(s)? A list is fine; you don't need to go into great detail.
16. Many scholarships ask us to identify students with financial need. Are there any special circumstances of which we should be aware?
17. Is there anything about you that we need to know that hasn't already been covered?