

YOUR NAME:

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.

Your responses 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

Mrs. Dobson / P-Z

1. What is your personal family history? Where have you lived and with whom?
2. What is your academic history (schools you attended)?
3. Comment on any significant travel experience(s).
4. Which courses have you enjoyed the most? Which courses have given you the most difficulty? Elaborate as needed.
5. What would you like to study in college? What are your goals and aspirations for the future?
6. Do you consider your academic record an accurate measure of your ability and/or potential?
7. What sports/school/church/community clubs and/or activities have you participated in, and what contributions have you made to/through them?
8. What honors/achievements/memberships that you have received/been a part of are you most proud of?
9. What do you consider your greatest strengths? How do you know they're strengths?
10. 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. Who/What is some person/thing/place that you love? Tell about it.
13. Finally, sum yourself up in a 25-word (or less) statement.

14. What are you writing about in your application essay(s)? A list is fine; you don't need to go into great detail, but do tell us. Our letters shouldn't cover the same topic(s) you're covering in your essay(s).
15. Many scholarships ask us to identify students with financial need. Are there any special circumstances of which we should be aware?
16. Is there anything about you that we need to know that hasn't already been covered?