



Senior Information Forms



Class of 2020 Information

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Join Mrs. Carter's "Google Classroom" njf1f9 for access to important information!!

SAT/ACT Information

For more information on the ACT and to register: www.actstudent.org

For more information on the SAT and to register: www.collegeboard.org

WPHS PTSA and Applerouth SAT/ACT Prep Classes and Mock Test schedule available:

<https://westpotomachs.fcps.edu/student-services/college-and-career-center/test-preparation>

Counselor Recommendations

Letters of recommendation are a team effort. We draw information from the student's cumulative academic record, personal interactions with the student, and counselor letter of recommendation request forms to develop a comprehensive letter of recommendation. We do not release letters to students or parents as the letters are considered confidential between West Potomac and the college.

The Counselor Letter of Recommendation Request Form is used to help your counselor write your letter of recommendation. Students and parents, please provide as much detail as possible. For a counselor letter of recommendation, you are required to complete the attached form and email your typed responses to your counselor beginning August 1st.

Counselor Letter of Recommendation Request Form

Student Information

Please note, anything you share can be mentioned in your counselor's letter.

Name:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

1. What are your college and/or career goals/interests and why?
2. What are your personal strengths? What are your academic strengths?
3. Describe what makes you unique and/or something you are passionate about.
4. Describe any volunteer/work experience and how it has impacted you or others.
5. What has been the most satisfying course you have taken and why? Is there a particular course that has given you difficulty? If so, what steps did you take to overcome it?
6. Describe two significant events in your life and how they have impacted you.
7. What three things would you want a college admissions committee to know about you?
8. Is your high school transcript an accurate measure of your overall ability and potential? Please explain.
9. Is there anything else that you want us to know about you, or anything that we may not otherwise know that would help to distinguish you from the next applicant?
10. Will you be the first person in your family to go to college? How has this impacted your decision to attend college?
11. Please attach a resume, if available.

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Parent/Guardian Information

Please submit comments and specific information about your student that will assist the counselor in writing an insightful, thorough college recommendation. Your input is greatly appreciated.

Student Name:

Your Name & Email Address:

1. Choose 3 adjectives that best describe your student with an explanation for why you pick each adjective.
2. Describe some of your student's outstanding personality traits.
3. What are some of your student's accomplishments that have occurred over the past three years? (both in and out of school)
4. Are there any special circumstances that have affected your student's academic performance (example: illness, death in the family, moving, personal situations)? If so, please explain.
5. Please add any additional comments about your student that you feel would be pertinent to his/her letter of recommendation.

College Visit Checklist

Information to know prior to visit (check college website):

- Admissions requirements
- Required standardized test scores
- Does the school offer your intended major or degree?
- Application deadlines
- How much will it cost?
- What is the school population?
- Register online for a tour

Questions you may want to ask during the information session:

Admissions:

- What are your criteria for your admissions decisions?
- How would you describe your ideal college applicant?
- What is the retention rate from freshman to sophomore years?
- Are interviews required?
- What are your most popular majors?
- Do you offer semester abroad and internships?

Classroom:

- What is your average class size for freshmen and sophomores?
- What is your average class size for upperclassmen?
- Are your classes taught by professors or teaching assistants conduct classes/labs?
- When must I choose a major?
- What student services are offered (tutoring, career counseling, study workshops)?

Financial Aid:

- What is the total cost per year?
- What financial aid options are offered?
- When is your financial aid deadline?
- Estimate the percentage of work study, loans, grants and scholarships awarded in your financial aid packages?

Housing

- What type of housing is available?
- Is student housing guaranteed all four years?
- Would I have a roommate or live alone?
- How are roommates selected?
- How safe is the campus and surrounding area?

Questions for the Student Tour Guide

- What year are you?
- Did you start here as a freshman?
- What other colleges did you attend?
- What do you like best about the school?
- What are you majoring in?
- What are the professors like?
- How's the food?
- Do you live in a dorm now?
- What kind of activities are there for new freshmen?
- How did you pick your roommate?
- Does the campus have good security?
- Who teaches your classes?

Be sure to dress appropriately. You want to make a good first impression! Remember to have fun!