## **Class of 2025-Student College Questionnaire**

School(s) attended prior to Solebury School: <u>IAME Location Grades &amp; Dates</u>		Due	PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATI Due February 23 in the College Guidance Office. <i>DO NOT BE L</i>	
Why did you come to Solebury?				
FAMILY DATA				
Parent 1's Name: First	Middle	Last		
Occupation:				
Name of business/organization:				
College/University(undergraduate)				
College/University(graduate)	Name	Year	Degree	
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Parent 2's Name: First				
		Last		
Occupation:				
Name of business/organization:				
College/University(undergraduate)	Name	Year	Degree	
College/University(graduate)	Name	Year	Degree	
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me Age	School Most Rec	ently Attended	(Occupation if applicable)	

**Family Status**: Please inform me of any circumstances of which I should be aware. (An example would be if your parents are divorced, with whom should I be in contact?) Is there anything unique about your family (cultural background, traditions, etc) that has had a significant impact on your own interests and concerns? Explain.

Answer the questions that follow as completely as you feel necessary. This information should not only help me write a recommendation for you, but it should also help you begin to think about why you will be a good candidate for a particular college. Please feel free to attach a separate sheet of paper if you need more room to answer any questions.

## ACADEMICS

1. Tell me what subject/academic area you have enjoyed most in high school and why.

2. With what subject(s) have you had the most difficulty? What were the circumstances? Do you feel there is anything on your academic transcript that warrants clarification? (an example of this scenario would be having an illness such as mononucleosis for an extended period of time and not doing well during a specific trimester)

3. Please tell me about an academic experience in high school that has been the most meaningful to you. (a teacher, class, project, etc.)

4. What is your greatest **academic** strength? Give an example.

- 5. Please list any academic work you have done outside of Solebury since entering high school (not including prior high schools you may have transferred from).
- 6. Do you have a physical or learning disability that has required special accommodations? If so, please describe. Do we have your permission to discuss it with colleges as a way of providing context for your academic performance?

## PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

7. What is your greatest **personal** strength or asset? (Describe)

8. Tell me about an area of yourself that you wish to develop or further strengthen.

9. Describe a risk you have taken either academically or in your personal life while in high school. What have you learned from your experience?

- 10. Odd & Ends: This section will assist me in getting to know you a little better.
  - Favorite book/authors:
  - Favorite movie:
  - Favorite expression:
  - Favorite song:
  - Favorite quotation:
  - Favorite website/app:
  - Favorite Solebury teachers:
- 11. List three words or phrases to describe yourself. Give specific examples of how you have demonstrated these qualities.

- 12. At the present time what are your personal goals regarding:
  - Higher education & area of study(major)-
  - Occupation after college-
  - Graduate School-
  - Where do you see yourself in ten years?
- 13. What geographical restrictions will you place on your choice of college? Do you intend to live at school or commute? Do you wish to go to college in a rural, suburban, larger urban or smaller urban setting? Does climate matter?
- 14. What size college do you find acceptable (SMALL=Ursinus College=1,400 students, MEDIUM=Villanova=7, 000 students, LARGE=Penn State University-University Park=35,000 students)? How important are class size and availability of professors?
- 15. Are you interested in internships, study abroad, undergraduate research or other such programs?
- 16. What kind of people populate your ideal college? Are you interested in a liberal or conservative student body? Does this matter to you?
- 17. Would you consider: U.S. Service Academies? Art Schools? Technical/Trade Schools? Historically black colleges? Religiously affiliated colleges? Women's colleges? Men's colleges?
- 18. Are there any specific activities and/or sports you wish to pursue while college? If a sport, at which level (DI, DII, DIII, intramural, club)?
- 19. What limitations do you have regarding the cost of college?
- 20. Please list other factors that will be important to you during the college selection process (e.g. alumni affiliations, first generation college student, etc.):

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## ACTIVITIES

22. Please list any activities (sports, jobs, community service, the arts, clubs, publications, hobbies, etc.) you have been involved with at Solebury or elsewhere. Include any **leadership** positions (e.g. captain, editor):

9<sup>th</sup> grade:

Summer after 9<sup>th</sup> grade:

10<sup>th</sup> grade:

Summer after 10<sup>th</sup> grade:

11<sup>th</sup> grade:

- 23. What activities do you have planned for next summer and 12<sup>th</sup> grade?
- 24. List any honors or awards that you have received from the beginning of 9<sup>th</sup> grade. These could be for academics, athletics, visual/performing arts, community service, etc. Please spell out all names do not use acronyms.

- 26. Who at Solebury knows you best (teachers, advisors, nurses, students, etc.)? Be specific:
- 27. **ESSAY:** Select **one** of the questions listed below and *type* a one page (8.5x11) single-spaced essay on a separate page. This essay allows me to become more familiar with you outside of courses, grades, test scores, etc. and provides me a writing sample of your ability to organize and express yourself. These questions are from the Common Application.
- Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
- The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
- Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
  Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
- Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
- Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
- 28. Tell us anything else about yourself that this questionnaire may have missed that you think is important for the college guidance office to know.