

Brag Sheet Questions – Class of 2024

First & Last Name (Put your preferred nickname in parenthesis)

School Name

Date of Birth/Current Age

Your school/personal email address

Cell Phone or Parent phone

Information that helps your counselor target scholarships/aid that fit your unique situation:

- Tell us if you will be a first-generation college student
 - Tell us whether your citizenship status
 - Tell us all ethnicities and languages spoken fluently
 - Weighted GPA/Unweighted GPA/ACT Composite score/Rank, if applicable
 - Preferred pronoun(s)
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1. Potential areas of study in college: Discuss what you hope to major/minor in. What are your career dreams? What are your main fields of interest? What sparked these interests?

2. Have you ever held a job or done an internship? Explain in detail and include timelines. Why did you choose to work? If you have not worked but you regularly do childcare for siblings, extended family, or neighbors, please give details, including amount of time spent. If you are doing an internship next school year, tell us what you are doing.

3. Describe your family by answering all three parts of this question.

a. Describe your family members. Explain who you live with. Give ages, names of siblings. List where siblings attended or currently attend school. If parents are divorced, deceased, or re-married, please explain. (Note that college applications ask for these details.)

b. Parent #1: Name, age, profession(s), college attended, any degrees earned. (Highest level of education.)

c. Parent/step-parent #2: Name, age, profession(s), college attended, any degrees earned. (Highest level of education.)

d. In what ways have each of your parents or guardians influenced you?

4. Describe yourself.

- What five adjectives would a **teacher** use to describe you? (Ask!)
- What five adjectives would **you** use to describe yourself? (Ask!)
- What five adjectives would a **BFF or good friend** describe you?

5. Which school subjects do you like best? What are your best qualities and strengths as a learner? Tell me about an academic interest or passion.

6. Describe your typical **school-based extracurricular activities**.
- Tell me about your athletic, artistic, student government, club or other extracurricular involvements.
 - How have you contributed to our school community?
7. Describe your **involvement in the community** of Phoenix, and beyond.
- What volunteer work have you done? Tell exactly what the task involved. BE SPECIFIC.
 - What activities have you been involved with in the community? For example, hospital volunteer, businesses, youth group, club sports team, piano lessons, ballet.
 - Are you a member of any community-based college-readiness organization, like STEP, Posse (nominee), College Depot GRIT Program, QuestBridge College Prep, Be A Leader Foundation, Aguila, Matriculate, or others?
8. Do you have a **passion** for something outside of academics? Is there one thing that is most important to you? It's OK if you don't have a passion for something specific or if your passion is related to issues of social justice! Explain.
9. How have you spent the past three **summers**? (Be brief; it's okay to answer in bullet form)
10. How have you been impacted by the pandemic? (This is a question on the Common App)
- 11. Is there anything else we should know about you to assist us in writing your college recommendation? Take time to explain how you are unique or different – this matters to colleges who are looking to build a diverse class.** Share if you are an Eagle Scout, an altar boy, a student in transition (homeless), a 5th degree black belt. If you play a musical instrument or have a special talent. Are there any extenuating circumstances that have affected your academic performance or resulted in a blip in your academic transcript. Have you received special recognition in the community? An honor or award? If you did a Better World Project or collaborative school project that you are especially proud of, briefly explain. Have you done additional schooling online or through massive online open courses – if yes, describe. Do you have a gifted label? How has this impacted you? If you have faced significant adversity, individually, or as a member of your family, please explain with as much detail as possible.

Please answer below each question and save the document as "Brag Sheet – Your Full Name & ID#."

Send this to your counselor and two core subject junior teacher recommenders along with a brief request to write you a letter of recommendation. Be sure to communicate your timeframe and school and scholarship deadlines if you know of them.

We recommend that you always give your recommenders at least one month's notice.