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The idea of an alumni interview might be very intimidating when you first hear about it. Chances are, this is your first big interview. So naturally, there's a lot of pressure. How are you supposed to come up with the right answers and articulate your passions with an alumni of your top-choice college looking at you?

An excellent alumni interview can help show schools that you're a capable and committed candidate, as well as a strong fit for the college. You might be wondering what questions could be thrown at you during the interview. To help guide you through what to expect, take a look at our questions below. Practicing these common questions can help calm your nerves!







## QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

- Why are you considering this college?

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- (If the institution has multiple colleges) Why have you applied to the particular school?

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- What makes you think that this college would be a good match?

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- How can this college help you achieve your academic and career goals?

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- Where else are you applying and why?

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- Is there a subject you haven't studied before that you're excited to try in college?

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- What is the most important factor for you when selecting a college?

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- What do you hope to major in?

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- What do you hope to gain out of your college experience?

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- What could you contribute to our college community?

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- Is there something you'd like the admissions office to know that can't be guessed from your application?

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- If you were given unlimited funds to plan an event at our school, what would it be and why?

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## QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR PERSONALITY AND BACKGROUND

- Tell us a little about yourself.

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- How would you describe yourself to someone who did not know you?

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- Tell us about your family.

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- What are your strengths? Weaknesses?

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- Talk about a significant challenge you have overcome.

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- Whom do you admire the most?

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- If you could talk with anyone (living or deceased), whom would it be and why?

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- What events have been crucial in your life?

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- What makes you unique?

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- What is one thing about you that people wouldn't normally guess?

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- What is your greatest passion?

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- How would your friends describe you?

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- What is your favorite place and why?

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- What is something you've recently tried for the first time?

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- Tell us about a time when you failed.

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- What is your main motivation?

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## QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR **HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE**

- What have you liked or disliked about your high school?

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- What is the most important thing you've learned in high school?

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- What have you most enjoyed studying and why?

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- How do you learn best?

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- Who is your favorite teacher and why?

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- What mark do you feel you've left on your school?

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- Talk about a time you led a team or a project.

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- What has been your proudest achievement so far?

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- Is there anything you'd like to tell us about your transcript?

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- If you had high school to do over again, what might you do differently?

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- What are your goals for your senior year?

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## QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FUTURE PLANS

- What do you hope to be doing ten years from now?

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- How can this school help prepare you for your future career?

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- How do you define “success?”

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- What is your ideal career?

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- Who is a role model in your field?

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- What would you do if you didn’t attend college this year?

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- How would you like to be remembered?

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## QUESTIONS ABOUT **EXTRACURRICULARS**

- How do you spend a typical afternoon after school? Evening? Weekend?
- What extracurricular activities have you found most satisfying?
- What extracurricular activities do you hope to get involved in at our school?
- Do you have any memorable experiences from working on a team?
- What did you do this past summer?
- Which of your activities has had the deepest impact on you?
- How have you left a mark on your community?