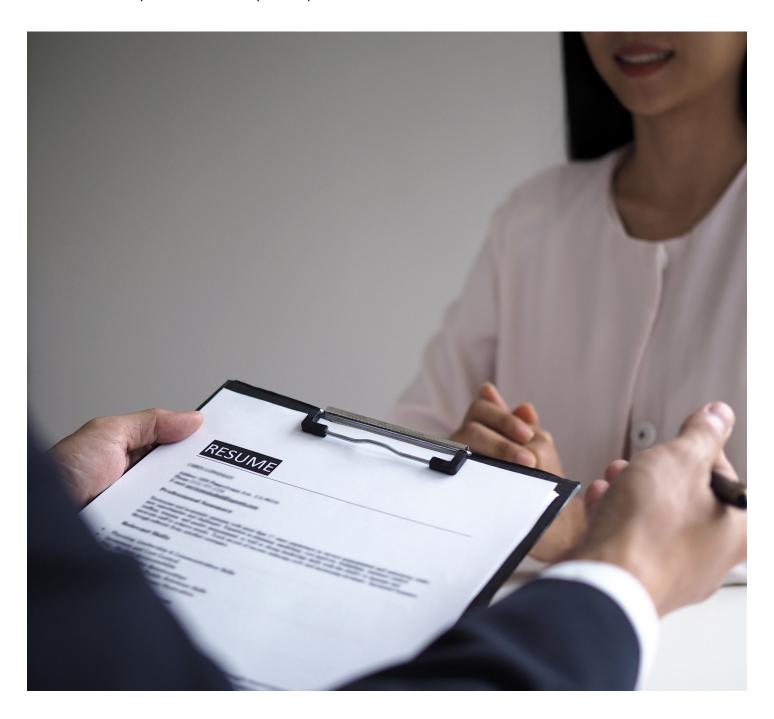


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The idea of an alumni interview might be very intimidating when you first hear about it. Chances are, this is your first big interview. So naturally, there's a lot of pressure. How are you supposed to come up with the right answers and articulate your 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?
- (If the institution has multiple colleges) Why have you applied to the particular school?
- What makes you think that this college would be a good match?
- How can this college help you achieve your academic and career goals?
- Where else are you applying and why?
- Is there a subject you haven't studied before that you're excited to try in college?
- What is the most important factor for you when selecting a college?
- What do you hope to major in?
- What do you hope to gain out of your college experience?
- What could you contribute to our college community?
- Is there something you'd like the admissions office to know that can't be guessed from your application?
- If you were given unlimited funds to plan an event at our school, what would it be and why?



QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR PERSONALITY AND BACKGROUND

- Tell us a little about yourself.
- How would you describe yourself to someone who did not know you?
- Tell us about your family.
- What are your strengths? Weaknesses?
- Talk about a significant challenge you have overcome.
- Whom do you admire the most?
- If you could talk with anyone (living or deceased), whom would it be and why?
- What events have been crucial in your life?
- What makes you unique?
- What is one thing about you that people wouldn't normally guess?
- What is your greatest passion?
- How would your friends describe you?
- What is your favorite place and why?
- What is something you've recently tried for the first time?
- Tell us about a time when you failed.
- What is your main motivation?



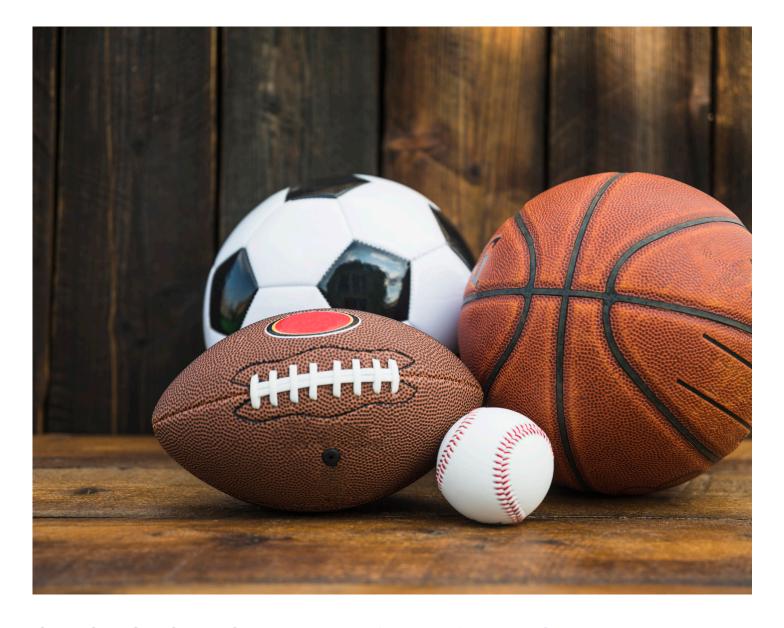
QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

- What have you liked or disliked about your high school?
- What is the most important thing you've learned in high school?
- What have you most enjoyed studying and why?
- How do you learn best?
- Who is your favorite teacher and why?
- What mark do you feel you've left on your school?
- Talk about a time you led a team or a project.
- What has been your proudest achievement so far?
- Is there anything you'd like to tell us about your transcript?
- If you had high school to do over again, what might you do differently?
- What are your goals for your senior year?



QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FUTURE PLANS

- What do you hope to be doing ten years from now?
- How can this school help prepare you for your future career?
- How do you define "success?"
- What is your ideal career?
- Who is a role model in your field?
- What would you do if you didn't attend college this year?
- How would you like to be remembered?



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?