

## Beginning-of-Year Student Survey Questions

1. Email Address
2. First Name
3. Last Name
4. What high school do you attend?
5. What is the highest level of education obtained by your parents/guardians?
  - a. Multiple Choice: (1.)Didn't Finish High School, (2.)GED, (3.)High School Graduate, (4.)Some College (started but didn't complete), (5.)Completed College (earned degree (2, 4, or more year degree)), (6.)Unsure
6. What is the highest level of education you expect to obtain?
  - a. Multiple Choice: (1.)Less than a high school diploma, (2.)High school diploma, (3.)Complete a certificate, training, or apprenticeship program, (4.)Associate or technical (usually 2 year) degree but less than a 4 year degree, (5.)4 year degree, (6.)Masters, Doctorate, or Professional Degree (MD, JD)
7. My parents/guardians expect me to go to college.
  - a. Scale Question: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree
8. Which best describes your plan for immediately after high school?
  - a. Multiple Choice: (1.)Enroll at a 4 year college, (2.)Join the military, (3.) Start a certificate, training, or apprenticeship program, (4.)Join the workforce
9. A teacher, counselor, or principal at my school has encouraged me to go to college. This includes 4 year college, community college, training/certificate programs or the military.
  - a. Scale Question: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree
10. I have spent time looking at my grades, test scores (ACT, SAT, Assessments), career interests, college location, college size, college type (2 or 4 year, certificate program), programs/majors offered, financial aid options, and family finances to figure out what type of college would be a good fit for me.
  - a. Scale Question: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree
11. People like me usually go to college after high school.
  - a. Scale Question: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree
12. I, or people like me, belong in college.
  - a. Scale Question: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree
13. My school allowed time during school hours for me to fill out and/or submit an application.
  - a. Scale Question: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree
14. How many applications did you submit during your school's application campaign?
  - a. Write in
15. The opportunity to complete an application was helpful to me.
  - a. Scale Question: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree
16. Did participating in your school's application campaign:
  - a. Make you more likely to seek out assistance from counselors and teachers in completing applications? Yes, No, Somewhat
  - b. Help you better understand the application process? Yes, No, Somewhat
  - c. Increase your interest in pursuing education after high school? Yes, No, Somewhat

- d. Make you feel that higher education is possible? Yes, No, Somewhat
- 17. I would have applied to a college/university or higher education program without participating in the campaign.
  - a. Scale Question: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree
- 18. I submitted other applications on my own time outside of school.
  - a. Scale Question: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree
- 19. If so, how many applications have you submitted?
  - a. Write in
- 20. Application fees affected the number of institutions I applied to.
  - a. Scale Question: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree
- 21. What type of institution/s did you apply to?
  - a. Multiple Choice (select all that apply): (1.)Did not submit an application, (2.)Employment application, (3.)Military, (4.)Community College, (5.)Technical School, (6.)Registered Apprenticeship, (7.)Certificate program, (8.)4 year public university, (9.)4 year private university, (10.)Other
- 22. Select which institutions you applied for in Iowa.
  - a. Multiple Choice (select all that apply): All institutions in Iowa are listed to choose from
- 23. Did you apply to any out-of-state institutions?
  - a. Yes, No
- 24. If so, please list which institution/s.
- 25. I plan to complete a FAFSA this year.
  - a. Scale Question: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree
- 26. Does your school host FAFSA completion events?
  - a. Yes, No
- 27. I plan to attend a FAFSA completion event this year.
  - a. Scale Question: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree
- 28. I know what I need to complete my FAFSA.
  - a. Scale Question: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree
- 29. How do you plan to complete the FAFSA?
  - a. Mobile App, Website
- 30. What concerns do you have about completing the FAFSA?
  - a. Multiple Choice (select all that apply): (1.)I've never done it before, (2.)My parents don't know what it is, (3.)Not knowing if I qualify for it, (4.)Not being able to get my parents to fill out their portion, (5.)Not knowing how to fill it out, (6.)Not having the information needed to complete it, (7.)It's stressful and overwhelming, (8.)It takes too long, (9.)Not sure why I need it, (10.)Other
- 31. I plan to apply for scholarships.
  - a. Scale Question: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree
- 32. I know about the Last Dollar Scholarship or specific programs at community colleges.
  - a. Scale Question: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree
- 33. I anticipate taking out student loans.
  - a. Scale Question: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree
- 34. Financial aid is a real need for most students pursuing a higher education. When you think about your financial aid situation, how do you feel?

- a. Multiple Choice: (1.)It's an investment in my future, (2.)There's too much to think about, (3.) I need it to succeed, (4.)I hesitate to further my education, (5.)It's my reality, (6.)Everything costs, (7.)Other