



The STEM Academy at Showalter

"Unlocking Young Minds for the Future"

SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

A good interview is not a series of questions that you answer, but rather a conversation that allows your interviewer to get to know you personally. Often interviewers start with a few prepared questions to get the conversation rolling. Below are common topics and specific questions that schools might use to kick off a discussion. The list is by no means exhaustive; it is simply a guide to give you a sense for the types of questions that might come up in an interview.

General

- Tell me about yourself.
- What are you most interested in?
- What do you like to do for fun?
- How would your friends describe you?
- What will you miss most/least about high school?
- What are your strengths?
- What's an area you would like to improve on?
- Have you ever had a difficult decision to make? How did you handle it?
- What books have you read for pleasure recently? Do you have a favorite book?
- Are there things, not in your application, that you would like the admissions committee to know about you?

Academics

- What is your favorite subject/class? Why?
- What subjects don't you like? Why?
- What courses have been most challenging for you? How did you manage them?
- Do you know what you want to study in college? Why?
- What courses did you take in your junior year? What are you taking senior year?
- Do you feel your transcript is an accurate gauge of your abilities and potential?
- Are there any outside circumstances that have interfered with your academic performance?

Activities

- What are your favorite activities/sports? Why?
- What do you enjoy doing outside of the classroom?
- What do you think you will get involved in at college? Are there activities you want to continue or new things you want to try?
- What do you do in the summer?
- What is the most significant contribution you have made to your school/community?
- How do you balance your academic life and extra-curricular life? Is this hard to do?

College/College Search Process

- What are you looking for in a college?
- Why do you want to come to this college?
- How is your college search going?
- What do you hope to accomplish in the next four years?
- What are you most looking forward to in college?