

## Counselor Letter of Recommendation

You will need a counselor letter of recommendation if you are applying to universities via [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org). Answer the following questions to the best of your ability (the more detailed your answer, the better your letter of recommendation!). Email your answers to Ms Kampschroeder ([kampschroederj@ritenour.k12.mo.us](mailto:kampschroederj@ritenour.k12.mo.us)) by June 15<sup>th</sup> in order to have your letter ready by August. During the school year allow at least 3 weeks notice before the application deadline. **ALSO ATTACH YOUR COLLEGE RESUME.**

1. Name
2. What college major(s) are you considering and why you chose it
3. Who do you live with? Are you parents married/divorced/deceased/incarcerated or are you in foster care? Explain your family situation. How many siblings do you have?
4. Did either of your biological parents complete a 4 year Bachelors Degree?
5. Where do your parents work? What do they do for a living?
6. What country were you born in? If not the US, when did you come to the US?
7. What extra curricular activity has impacted you the most (in school or in the community) and give details to explain your choice
8. What award/accomplishment has meant the most to you and why?
9. What academic project or paper impacted you the most and describe in detail how it has helped you grow as a student? If you wrote a paper, give in depth details as to what you wrote about and how this knowledge changed how you view the world.
10. Give 3 adjectives to describe yourself and specific examples to back up why you believe these to be a good descriptor of you.
11. What is the greatest obstacle you have overcome in your life thus far and how it has impacted you.
12. Name one thing you wish was different about the world we live in

### **2015-16 Common Application Essay Prompts**

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would not be complete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from failure can be fundamental to later success. Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you and what did you learn from your experience.
3. Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma or anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood, within your culture, community or family.