

## Motivation for College

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*The following questions are designed to help you think about your motivation and to give you some insight into it. Read completely through each group of items; then rank them in importance by using 1 for the phrase that applies best to you, 2 for the phrase that applies next best, and so on.*

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- I. I came (or will go) to college because—
- I know what I want to be, and college preparation is necessary for it.
  - my folks wanted me to, even though I didn't.
  - I thought it would be a lot of fun.
  - I wanted to gain a better knowledge and understanding of the world I live in.
  - many of my friends did, and I wanted to be with them.
  - I wanted to get away from home.
  - I am particularly interested in athletics and student activities.
  - a college degree seems indispensable in this day and age.
  - I like to study and am particularly interested in certain subjects.
- II. I want to make grades that are good enough to—
- let me stay in college.
  - meet degree requirements.
  - let me participate in extracurricular activities.
  - put me on the honor list and give me special recognition.
  - make an outstanding record in college.
- III. My motivation for making grades is to—
- prove to myself that I am learning something.
  - secure a good job recommendation.
  - please my family.
  - do better than my competitors.
  - live up to my reputation of being a good student.
  - be respected by my teachers.
- IV. I sometimes don't study when I should because—
- I worry about my personal problems.
  - I simply can't get interested in certain subjects.
  - I am too involved in extracurricular activities.
  - I am bothered by illness and poor health.
  - I get distracted by things going on around me.
  - I tend to keep putting off my work.
  - I am easily tempted to do more interesting things.
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