



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: PSU Student ID _____

The Aspiring Scholars Program Questionnaire

Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

**include an email address that you check regularly.*

The following is a brief questionnaire used to get a better sense of who you are. There are no right or wrong answers so, answer as honestly as you can. Write neatly and please do not skip any items, as this will void your application. All of the information that you provide here will be kept confidential.

Directions: Please fill in the blank or circle the appropriate answer(s).

1. Your preferred pronouns: [He/Him] [She/Her] [They/Them]
2. Date of Birth: _____
3. High School: _____
4. High School Graduation Date: _____
5. Are you a first-generation college student (i.e., parents/guardians did **not** attend college)?
[YES] [NO]
6. Were you in foster care, discharged from foster care, or adopted **after** the age of 16?
[YES] [NO]
7. How would you describe your race or ethnicity? (circle one)
 - a. Black/African American
 - b. White/Caucasian (not of Hispanic origin)
 - c. Asian American/Pacific Islander
 - d. American Indian (Native American, Alaskan Native)
 - e. Hispanic/Latino
 - f. Other (please list): _____
8. Is English your native language? [YES] [NO]
 - a. If not, what language(s) other than English is/are spoken in your home:

9. What is the highest level of education you expect to accomplish during your lifetime?
- a. Associate's Degree (two-year programs)
 - b. Bachelor's Degree (four-year programs)
 - c. Master's Degree (graduate or professional study)
 - d. Doctoral Degree (such as M.D. or Ph.D.)

10. About 50 percent of university students do not obtain a college degree. If this should happen to you, what will be the most likely cause?
- a. To accept a good job
 - b. To enter the military
 - c. To help my family
 - d. It will cost more than my family can afford
 - e. Marriage/children
 - f. Lack of academic ability
 - g. Insufficient reading/writing/study skills
 - h. Uninterested in academics
 - i. Other:
- _____

11. What is your intended major? If you are considering multiple, please list all.

12. Why do you want to go to college?

13. What is the biggest challenge you expect to face in college?



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14. What personal strengths do you feel will help you to achieve your educational goals?

15. List 3 things that you are proud of having done:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

16. List 3 goals (academic or personal) you have for yourself.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

17. If accepted, are you willing to complete work over the summer months (e.g., read a book or write an essay)? [YES] [NO]

18. If accepted, are you able to attend the Aspiring Scholars Program's New Student Orientation (where classes are scheduled) within the first two weeks of June? [YES] [NO]

19. If accepted, are you able to attend a one-week Summer Bridge Program one week prior to the start of your first Fall semester? [YES] [NO]

20. If accepted, are you willing to attend weekly mandatory study hall sessions led by peer mentors throughout your first year? [YES] [NO]

21. If accepted, are you ready and willing to be challenged academically and to be held to high standards? [YES] [NO]

Return this completed questionnaire by March 1

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