Helpful Student Brag Sheet Questions for Teacher Letters of Recommendation

The questions that you ask students can provide useful information when writing letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation are an opportunity to share firsthand evidence of what a student is like in an academic setting, what drives them, and what they’re passionate about.

The questions that you ask should help ensure that you’re able to describe a student’s academic character and personal qualities effectively.

Below are some sample questions that may prove useful when writing letters of recommendation.

**The Basics**

- What classes have you taken with me?
- What excites you about going to college?
- What are you most proud of from my course?

**Academic Qualities**

- What topics were you most interested in? Why?
- Were there any papers or projects that you most enjoyed or found most impactful? Why?
- What type of environment do you thrive in (collaborative, hands-on, discussion, independent, etc.)? Why?

**Personal Qualities**

- Did you learn anything in my class that you applied or connected to other classes or experiences?
- Could you share an example of a time in the course where you faced a challenge? How did you overcome it?
- Could you share an example of a time that you worked collaboratively in the class and/or learned from others?