Sample Interview Questions

- **Tell me about yourself:** This is a question common to every interview. The interviewer would expect you to introduce yourself by sharing information regarding family, school, areas of interest and your reason for being here. Be confident in answering this question; interviewers expect a fluent answer, so practice!

- **What are your strengths and weaknesses?** Similar to the first one. List out your strengths; be watchful while listing weaknesses. Working too hard can be listed as a weakness.

- **Your inspiration:** It is important to have an inspiration in a scholarship interview. Interviewers expect you to be inspired by former presidents, sportspersons or war heroes. This aspect also helps in preparing for the interview speech.

- **Who is your favorite president? Why?** This is a question to test your knowledge about presidents and to verify information based on your inspirations.

- **Your biggest success:** Interviewers get into the actual interview with this question. This is a good time to talk about a school function you led and executed successfully. Showcase any performance that you feel may impress the interviewer. Restrict it to education and leadership-related performance or situations that demonstrate teamwork.

- **Do you learn from mistakes? Give an example:** This is a tricky question and certainly not a place to display your mistakes. Give an answer similar to the weakness question. Share a situation where you can show that you have learned from the mistake.

- **Your favorite book:** If you want to be a leader, you need to have a favorite book. Lots of books are available in stores that contain inspirational values. Select one and read it completely. Explain the gist of the book when asked.

- **You are in a bookshop containing personality development books, investment related and autobiographies. Pick two.** A tricky question. Pick two books closely related to the major you are interested in pursuing.

- **Tell us about your goals:** Speak only about goals that are related to your study. ‘To become a doctor and serve the people’ or to ‘eradicate a particular disease’ would add to your speech.

- **How do you see yourself after 10 years?** Similar goals. Envision yourself in a high position serving people. Receiving an award would be a great achievement.

- **What has made your principal/pastor/teacher give a reference letter favoring you?** Tell about your qualities and performances that impressed him/her.

**And More....**

1. What is the greatest constructive criticism you have ever received from a supervisor?
2. Give an example of how you have been rewarded with more responsibility in a previous job.
3. Tell me about one thing that is unique or remarkable about you.
4. Why should we select you over someone else?
5. You have 30 seconds to sell yourself. Go.
6. What are your career goals?
7. Which one accomplishment are you the most proud of? Why?
8. How would you describe this institution to someone who is visiting for the first time?
9. Using only two words, describe yourself.
10. What are the top three things that are most important to you when looking for a job?
11. When you leave here today, what are the most important things you want us to remember about you?
12. What were you prepared to tell us that we didn't ask?
13. If we asked your past 2 supervisors to evaluate your work, what would they say?
14. In what type of environment are you most productive?
15. What traits or characteristics does a person need to be successful in this position? Rate yourself on those traits.
16. If I ask someone who knows you why I should NOT hire you, what would they say?
17. Tell me what you are not.
18. Tell me about a risk you took and what you learned about yourself?
19. What cereal best describes you as a person?
20. What was the last book you read, and what impact did it have on you?
21. Please describe your sense of humor.
22. If you could be a superhero & have any power, what power would you have & why?
23. If you were given a “free pass” to spend your extra work energies in an area of your choosing, what would you choose and what benefit would it bring to the campus?
24. How do you stay engaged and passionate about your work responsibilities?
25. What three main attributes or skills do you think are most important for this position?
26. At this point in the process, how are you feeling about our institution?
27. If you were offered this position, when would you be able to start?
28. What expectations do you have of those with whom you work? How do they know this?
29. Please describe your ideal workplace situation.
30. Give me an example of how you have shown initiative in a situation and the results.
31. How long do you anticipate staying in this position, if offered a job?
32. Do you have any questions that you would like to ask of us?
33. What kind of things do you do to motivate the people with whom you work?
34. What kind of hobbies and activities to you enjoy in your spare time?
35. What have you learned about our institution while investigating this employment opportunity?
36. What suggestions do you have for improving the overall student experience within student activities at our institution?
37. What additional information or comments would you like to share?
38. How do you help others solve problems?
39. What do you see yourself doing five years from now?
40. What have you learned from your participation in extra-curricular activities?
41. What do you do after a stressful day?
42. How do you decide what gets top priority when scheduling your time?
43. How do you determine or evaluate success?