**Stratford High School College Counseling**

**Parent Response Form**

***\*****Please type responses in a Word document and email to* Robert.fore@springbranchisd.com

This allows me to copy/paste your responses into a recommendation letter from the Grade Level Counselor.

**Dear Parent:**

I am seeking your thoughts and feelings about your child. Please help me by responding to the questions below. Be funny; be serious; be honest; be proud. The more I know, the better my ability to help guide your son or daughter through the college admission process. If you do not find these particular questions helpful, then write me a letter. Your anecdotes and background are extremely helpful to me in writing the school counselor recommendation letter. Think about how you would introduce your son/daughter to someone that does not know him/her.

***Please note:*** *your responses should help me write a one-page letter of recommendation. If answers are very brief, my letter will be short. Likewise, if your letter is very lengthy, I spend a lot of time editing information down to one page. Please keep this in mind when writing. It is ideal to have parents collaborate on letters together unless this is impossible.*

**Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1) Describe one or two major events that you see as turning points in your son’s or daughter’s development and explain why you view them as such.

2) His/her high school career has been pleasurable because………..

What are some high points of his/her high school years and challenges overcome? Think in terms of emotional/social/academic growth periods.

3) His/her greatest strength/greatest weakness is:

4) We are proud of our child because……………

5) Something you need to know about my son/daughter is…………

6) Are there any other family-related factors that will influence your child’s decision?

Some examples: cost, location, major, legacy

7) Is there anything you wish to add that would help me in writing the School Report, e.g. educational background, special family situation, special medical history, personal achievements, etc.?

This is where you share “your story”.

10) List three adjectives which describe your son or daughter.

11) Please write a brief anecdote about your child during the high school years in which his or her thought and deed are quintessentially his or hers. I often use these anecdotes to bring your child to life in my letters of recommendation.

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Parent Signature(s) Date

Please e-mail this completed form to Robert.fore@springbranchisd.com . Please allow me to use the contents of your letter as part of the Counselor letter of recommendation. Thank you in advance for your assistance.