**1980 Student Information Form**

**Dear Student:**

The information in this form is being collected as part of a continuing study of higher education conducted jointly by the American Council on Education and the University of California at Los Angeles. Your voluntary participation in this research is being solicited in order to achieve a better understanding of how students are affected by their college experiences. Detailed information on the goals and design of this research program is furnished in research reports available from the Laboratory for Research on Higher Education at UCLA. Identifying information has been requested in order to make subsequent mail follow-up studies possible. Your response will be held in the strictest professional confidence.

Sincerely,

Alexander W. Astin, Director
Cooperative Institutional Research Program

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**1. Your sex:** Male ○ Female ○

**2. Are you a veteran?** (Mark one) No ○ Yes ○

**3. How old will you be on December 31 of this year?** (Mark one)
- 16 or younger ○ 17 ○ 18 ○ 19 ○ 20 ○ 21 ○ 22 ○ 23-25 ○ 26-29 ○ 30 or older ○

**4. In what year did you graduate from high school?** (Mark one)

(Note: Please check that your pencil markings are completely darkening the circles. Do not use pen or make 's or X's. Thank You.)

**5. What type of high school did you attend?** (Mark one)
- public ○ private ○ nondenominational ○ Roman Catholic ○ Jewish ○ other religious ○

**6. Was your high school program: (Mark one)**
- College preparatory ○ Other? (For e.g., vocational)

**7. What was your average grade in high school?** (Mark one)
- A or A+ ○ B- ○ B ○ C ○ C+ ○ D ○

**8. Where did you rank academically in your high school graduating class?** (Mark one)
- Top 20% ○ Fourth 20% ○ Second 20% ○ Lowest 20% ○ Middle 20% ○

**9. Are you enrolled (or enrolling) as a:**
- Full-time student? ○ Part-time student? ○

**10. Prior to this term, have you ever taken courses for credit at this institution?**
- Yes ○ No ○

**11. Since leaving high school, have you ever taken courses at any other institution?** (Mark all that apply)
- Credit ○ Not for Credit

**12. Have you had, or do you feel that you will need, any special tutoring or remedial work in any of the following subjects?** (Mark all that apply)
- English ○ Social studies ○ Reading ○ Science ○ Mathematics ○ Foreign language ○

**13. How many miles is this college from your permanent home?** (Mark one)
- 5 or less ○ 5-10 ○ 10-50 ○ More than 50 ○

**14. Where do you plan to live during the fall term? If you had a choice, where would you have preferred to live?** (Mark one in each column)
- Plan ○ To Live ○ Prefer ○ To Live
- With parents or relatives ○ Other private home, apt. or rm. ○ College dormitory ○ Fraternity or sorority house ○ Other campus student housing ○ Other ○

**15. Is this college your:** (Mark one)
- First choice? ○ Less than third Second choice? ○ choice? ○ Third choice? ○

**16. To how many colleges other than this one did you apply for admission this year?**
- No other ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5 ○ 6 or more ○

(Note: If you applied to a college other than the college you are currently attending, skip to item 17 on the next page.)

**17. How many other acceptances did you receive this year?** (Mark one)
- None ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5 ○ 6 or more ○
18. How much of your first year's educational expenses (room, board, tuition, and fees) do you expect to cover from each of the sources listed below? (Mark one answer for each possible source)

Parental or family aid, or gifts
Grants or Scholarships:
  Basic Educational Opportunity Grant
  Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
  State scholarship or grant
  College grant (other than above)
  Other private grant
Loans:
  Fed, guaranteed student loan
  Nat'l direct student loan
  Other college loan
  Other loan
Work and Savings:
  College Work-Study grant
  Other part-time work while attending
  Full-time work while attending
  Savings from summer work
  Other savings
Spouse
Your G.F. benefits
Your parent's G.F. benefits
Social security, dependent's benefits
Other

19. Please answer the following questions regarding BEOG (Basic Educational Opportunity Grant) and GSL (Guaranteed Student Loan) financial aid programs. (Mark all that apply in each column)

**BEOG Grants** | **GSL Loans**
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I have heard of this program | |
I applied for aid from this program | |
I qualified for aid in this program (whether or not I applied) | |

20. Were you last year, or will you be this year:
   Living with your parents (for more than five consecutive weeks) | Yes | No
   Listed as a dependent on your parents' Federal Income Tax Return | |
   Receiving assistance worth $600 or more from your parents | |

21. Are you: (Mark one)
   Not presently married | |
   Married, living with spouse | |
   Married, not living with spouse | |

22. Are you: (Mark all that apply)
   White/Caucasian | |
   Black/Negro/Afro-American | |
   Asian-American/Oriental | |
   Mexican-American/Chicano | |
   Puerto Rican-American | |
   Other | |

23. Rate yourself on each of the following traits as you really think you are when compared with the average student of your own age. We want the most accurate estimate of how you see yourself. (Mark one for each trait)

| Trait | Highest 10 Percent | Above Average | Below Average | Lowest 10 Percent |
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Academic ability | | | | |
Artistic ability | | | | |
Artistic ability | | | | |
Cheerfulness | | | | |
Defensiveness | | | | |
Drive to achieve | | | | |
Leadership ability | | | | |
Mathematical ability | | | | |
Mental ability | | | | |
Originality | | | | |
Physical attractiveness | | | | |
Political conservatism | | | | |
Political liberalism | | | | |
Popularity | | | | |
Popularity with the opposite sex | | | | |
Public speaking ability | | | | |
Self-confidence (intellectual) | | | | |
Self-confidence (social) | | | | |
Sensitivity to criticism | | | | |
Stubbornness | | | | |
Understanding of others | | | | |
Writing ability | | | | |

24. How many brothers and sisters now living do you have? (Mark one in each row)

| Number of older brothers | | | |
| Number of older sisters | | | |
| Number of younger brothers | | | |
| Number of younger sisters | | | |

25. What is the highest academic degree that you intend to obtain? (Mark one in each column)

| Highest Planned Degree at College | Higher Planned Degree than College |
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None | |
Associate (A. A. or equivalent) | |
Bachelor's degree (B. A., B. S., etc.) | |
Master's degree (M. A., M. S., etc.) | |
Ph.D. or Ed.D. | |
M.D., D.O., D.D.S., or D.V.M. | |
LL.B. or J.D. (Law) | |
B. D. or M. Div. (Divinity) | |
Other | |

26a. How many persons are currently dependent on your parents for support (include yourself and your parents, if applicable)?

1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 or more

26b. How many of these dependents other than yourself are currently attending college?

None | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 or more |

27. In deciding to go to college, how important to you was each of the following reasons? (Mark one answer for each possible reason)

| Reason | Very important | Important but not very important | Not very important | No importance |
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My parents wanted me to go | |
I could not find a job | |
I wanted to get away from home | |
To be able to get a better job | |
To gain a general education and appreciation of ideas | |
To improve my reading and study skills | |
There was nothing better to do | |
To make me a more cultured person | |
To be able to make more money | |
To learn more about things that interest me | |
To meet new and interesting people | |
To prepare myself for graduate or professional school | |

28. Do you have any concern about your ability to finance your college education? (Mark one)

None (I am confident that I will have sufficient funds) | |
Some concern (but I will probably have enough funds) | |
Major concern (not sure I will have enough funds to complete college) | |

29. How would you characterize your political views? (Mark one)

Far left | |
Liberals | |
Middle-of-the-road | |
Conservative | |
Far right | |

30. What is your best estimate of your parents' total income last year? Consider annual income from all sources before taxes. (Mark one)

Less than $4,000 | $20,000--24,999
$4,000--7,999 | $25,000--29,999
$6,000--7,999 | $30,000--34,999
$8,000--9,999 | $35,000--39,999
$10,000--12,499 | $40,000--49,999
$12,500--14,999 | $50,000--99,999
$15,000--19,999 | $100,000 or more

31. What is the highest level of formal education obtained by your parents? (Mark one in each column)

Father | Mother
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Grammar school or less | |
Some high school | |
High school graduate | |
Postsecondary school other than college | |
Some college | |
College degree | |
Some graduate school | |
Graduate degree | |
32. Mark only three responses, one in each column.

- Your mother’s occupation.
- Your father’s occupation.
- Your probable career occupation.

NO... If your father (or mother) is deceased, please indicate his (her) last occupation.

Accountant or actuary
Actor or entertainer
Architect or urban planner
Artist
Business (clerical)
Business executive (management, administrator)
Business owner or proprietor
Business salesman or buyer
Clergyman (minister, priest)
Clergy (other religious)
Clinical psychologist
College teacher
Computer programmer or analyst
Conservator or forester
Dentist (including orthodontist)
Dietitian or home economist
Engineer
Farmer or rancher
Foreign service worker (including diplomat)
Housekeeper (full-time)
Interior decorator (including designer)
Interpreter (translator)
Lab technician or hygienist
Law enforcement officer
Lawyer (attorney) or judge
Military service (career)
Musician (performer, composer)
Nurse
Optometrist
Pharmacist
Physician
School counselor
School principal or superintendent
Scientific researcher
Social, welfare or recreation worker
Statistician
Therapist (physical, occupational, speech)
Teacher or administrator (elementary)
Teacher or administrator (secondary)
Veterinarian
Writer or journalist
Skilled trades
Other
Unemployed

33. Below are some reasons that might have influenced your decision to attend this particular college. How important was each reason in your decision to come here? (Mark one answer for each possible reason)

- My relatives wanted me to come here
- My teacher advised me
- This college has a very good academic reputation
- I was offered financial assistance
- I was not accepted anywhere else
- Someone who had been here before advised me to go
- This college offers special educational programs
- This college has low tuition
- My guidance counselor advised me
- I wanted to live at home
- A friend suggested attending
- A college representative recruited me

34a. Current religious preference: (Mark one in each column)

- Protestant
- Roman Catholic
- Jewish
- Other
- None

34b. Do you consider yourself a reborn Christian? Yes No

35a. Do you consider yourself physically handicapped?

No Go to Question Number 36

35b. If yes, what type of handicap do you have? (Mark all that apply)

- Hearing
- Orthopedic
- Speech
- Learning disability
- Visual
- Other

35c. Does your handicap require architectural accommodations (wheelchair ramps, elevators, etc.)?

Yes No

36. Mark one in each row:

The Federal government is not doing enough to protect the consumer from faulty goods and services
The Federal government is not doing enough to control environmental pollution
The Federal government should do more to discourage energy consumption
There is too much concern in the courts for the rights of criminals
Urban problems cannot be solved without huge investments of Federal monies
People should not obey laws which violate their personal values
Inflation is our biggest domestic problem
The death penalty should be abolished
A national health care plan is needed to cover everybody’s medical costs
Energy shortages could cause a major depression or even wars in my lifetime if action is not taken now to prevent them
Abortion should be legalized
Women should be subject to the draft
Grading in the high schools has become too easy
The activities of married women are best confined to the home and family
A couple should live together for some time before deciding to get married
Parents should be discouraged from having large families
Divorce laws should be liberalized
If two people really like each other, it’s all right for them to have sex even if they’ve known each other for only a very short time
Women should receive the same salary and opportunities for advancement as men in comparable positions
Wealthy people should pay a larger share of taxes than they do now
Marijuana should be legalized
Busing is O.K. if it helps to achieve racial balance in the schools
It is important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships
College officials have the right to regulate student behavior off campus
Faculty promotions should be based in part on student evaluations
College grades should be abolished
Student publications should be cleared by college officials
College officials have the right to ban persons with extreme views from speaking on campus
Students from disadvantaged social backgrounds should be given preferential treatment in college admissions
Open admissions (admitting anyone who applies) should be adopted by all publicly supported colleges
All college graduates should be able to demonstrate some minimal competency in written English and mathematics
37. Below is a list of different undergraduate major fields grouped into general categories. Mark only one circle to indicate your probable field of study.

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES**
- Art, fine and applied
- English (language and literature)
- History
- Journalism
- Language and Literature (except English)
- Music
- Philosophy
- Speech
- Theater or Drama
- Theology or Religion
- Other Arts and Humanities

**PHYSICAL SCIENCE**
- Astronomy
- Atmospheric Science (incl. Meteorology)
- Chemistry
- Earth Science
- Marine Science (incl. Oceanography)
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Statistics
- Other Physical Science

**PROFESSIONAL**
- Architecture or Urban Planning
- Home Economics
- Health Technology (medical, dental, laboratory)
- Library or Archival Science
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Preprofessional programs
- Therapy (occupational, physical, speech)
- Other Professional

**BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE**
- Biology (general)
- Biochemistry or Biophysics
- Botany
- Marine (Life) Science
- Microbiology or Bacteriology
- Zoology
- Other Biological Science

**BUSINESS**
- Accounting
- Business Admin. (general)
- Finance
- Marketing
- Management
- Secretarial Studies
- Other Business

**EDUCATION**
- Business Education
- Elementary Education
- Music or Art Education
- Physical Education or Recreation
- Secondary Education
- Special Education
- Other Education

**ENGINEERING**
- Aeronautical or Astronautical Eng.
- Civil Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Electrical or Electronic Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Other Engineering

**SOCIAL SCIENCE**
- Anthropology
- Economics
- Geography
- Political Science (gov't., international relations)
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Other Social Science

**TECHNICAL**
- Building Trades
- Data Processing or Computer Programming
- Drafting or Design
- Electronics
- Mechanics
- Other Technical

**OTHER FIELDS**
- Agriculture
- Communications (radio, T.V., etc.)
- Computer Science
- Forestry
- Law Enforcement
- Military Science
- Other Field
- Undecided

38. Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following: (Mark one for each item)

- Becoming accomplished in one of the performing arts (acting, dancing, etc.)
- Becoming an authority in my field
- Obtaining recognition from my colleagues for contributions to my special field
- Influencing the political structure
- Influencing social values
- Raising a family
- Having administrative responsibility for the work of others
- Being very well off financially
- Helping others who are in difficulty
- Making a theoretical contribution to science
- Writing original works (poems, novels, short stories, etc.)
- Creating artistic work (painting, sculpture, decorating, etc.)
- Being successful in a business of my own
- Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment
- Developing a meaningful philosophy of life
- Participating in a community action program
- Helping to promote racial understanding
- Keeping up to date with political affairs

39. What is your best guess as to the chances that you will:

- No Chance
- Very Little Chance
- Some Chance
- Very Good Chance

- Change major field
- Change career choice
- Fail one or more courses
- Graduate with honors
- Be elected to a student office
- Get a job to help pay for college expenses
- Join a social fraternity, sorority, or club
- Live in a coeducational dorm
- Be elected to an academic honor society
- Make at least a "B" average
- Need extra time to complete your degree requirements
- Get tutoring help in specific courses
- Have to work at an outside job during college
- Seek vocational counseling
- Seek individual counseling on personal problems
- Get a bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)
- Participate in student protests or demonstrations
- Drop out of college temporarily (exclude transferring)
- Drop out permanently (exclude transferring)
- Transfer to another college before graduating
- Be satisfied with your college
- Find a job after college in the field for which you were trained
- Get married while in college (if married)
- Get married within a year after college (if married)

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40. 41. 42. 43. 44. The remaining circles are provided for items specifically designed by your college, rather than by the Laboratory for Research on Higher Education. If your college has chosen to use the circles, observe carefully the supplemental directions given you.