

QUALITIES UNIVERSITIES ARE LOOKING FOR IN STUDENTS

(and in their recommendation letters)

*These words & skills are more specific descriptors to use for **Letters of Recommendation**. They add **specificity** and are **powerful skills** that universities desire their freshmen to possess. Experts say that a letter from a counselor or teacher that really knows you and your scholastic capacity can speak volumes to admissions.*

- Mental Qualities:
- Clever
 - Inventive
 - Rational
 - Sensible
- Moral Qualities:
- Exemplary
 - Respectable
 - Straightforward
 - Trustworthy
- Social Qualities:
- Courteous
 - Cooperative
 - Gracious
 - Polite
 - Sensitive
 - Tactful

- General Personal Qualities:
- Ambitious
 - Compassionate
 - Considerate
 - Conscientious
 - Determined
 - Diligent
 - Earnest
 - Enthusiastic
 - Humble
 - Impressive
 - Industrious
 - Persevering
 - Persistent
 - Resourceful
 - Self-reliant
 - Self-starter
 - Sympathetic
 - Tolerant
 - Uncompromising
 - Witty

- 21st Century Learning Skills
- Communication
 - Collaboration
 - Creativity
 - Innovation
 - Critical thinking
 - Problem Solving
 - Information Literacy
 - Media Literacy
 - Flexibility
 - Adaptability
 - Initiative
 - Self- Direction
 - Social Interaction
 - Cross Cultural Interaction
 - Productivity
 - Accountability
 - Leadership
 - Responsibility

- Evaluators
- Academic Achievement
 - Attendance
 - Character
 - Concern for others
 - Creative, original thought
 - Disciplined work habits
 - extracurricular accomplishments
 - Initiative, independence
 - Integrity
 - Intellectual promise
 - Leadership
 - Maturity
 - Motivation
 - Potential for growth
 - Productive classroom discussion
 - Quality of writing
 - Reaction to setbacks
 - Respect accorded by faculty
 - Self-confidence
 - Work obligations