

## Identifying 7 Key Personality Traits Important to Top Colleges™

When we ask students what personality traits they think colleges care about, they pretty much always give the same wrong answer: being hardworking. Wrong, wrong, wrong! But why? Well, first of all, if everyone says the same thing about themselves – that they are hardworking – no applicant stands out. Second, colleges already expect applicants to be hardworking.

Colleges look for additional personality traits when making selections. Which ones? We've located seven key personality traits – the 7Cs – to give you concrete guidance. Here's the good news before you even get started: you probably already possess some of the traits top schools look for! Hopefully, this first step in your college planning journey will feel reassuring for you. Are you ready? Make notes below on how you can demonstrate each trait.



### Brainstorming

These text boxes expand, so feel free to write as many examples as you can think of!

#### 1. Character

#### 2. Collaboration

**3. Creativity**

**4. Challenge**

**5. Curiosity**

**6. Commitment**

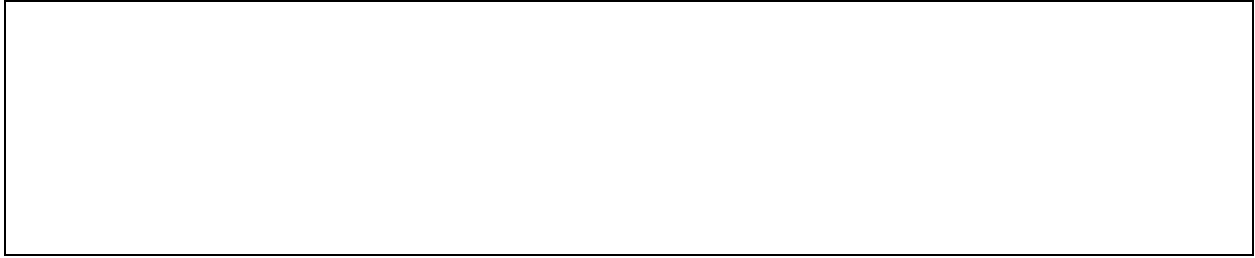
**7. Diversity**

## Free-Writing

And now it's time for a little free writing on your traits. Free writing is just that: free – no need to worry about grammar, style, or reader expectation. This writing is an exercise in getting your stories out, that is all. It is just the beginning in becoming comfortable with telling stories about yourself (an important skill for your future professional life).

Please write at least 150 words on **two** of the traits you listed above.

**Trait #1** - \_\_\_\_\_



Trait #2 - \_\_\_\_\_

