Sidwell Friends School Parent/Guardian Questionnaire

*Please submit this document before the family meeting.*

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We view you as a vital and important partner in the college admission process and, therefore, very much welcome your perspective on your daughter or son. Please help us by responding to the questions below. Be funny; be serious; be honest; be proud. The more we know, the better our ability to help guide your son or daughter through the college process. Your anecdotes and knowledge of your child will be extremely helpful to us in our role as college counselor. Please write or type your answers, using as much space as you need. We are much more interested in content than format. If another approach is more helpful to you, please feel free to use that approach, keeping the questions below in mind.

**Student’s name:**

**Name of parent(s)/guardian(s) filling out the form:**

**Parent/guardian Email:**

1) Use three adjectives to describe your child. Why does each adjective “fit” your child?

2) Describe your child as a person. Consider strengths, weaknesses, interests, aversions. Give concrete examples, if possible.

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

4) Please describe your child’s high school career. In what ways has it been pleasurable or painful, successful or disappointing?

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

6) What kind of college environment do you think would best serve your child? Consider variables like size, surroundings, distance from home, academic quality and offerings, extracurricular opportunities, and competitiveness.

7) Please list any particular colleges you would like your son or daughter to consider. Why do you believe these colleges might be a good match?

8) Will financial aid be a factor in your child’s decision?

9) Pretend you are a college counselor, now begin to write your child’s recommendation.

10) Is there anything you wish to add which would help us in writing the school letter, e.g. educational background, special family situation, special medical history, personal achievements, etc.?

11) Is there any information beyond what's suggested in the prompts that you feel it is important for his/her counselor to know? Feel free to use this section as a 'free response.'