

## **PSP Sponsor Letters- Guiding Questions**

Use these questions to help you write a thoughtful letter to your sponsor. They want to know about the fun things you do through PSP and why these activities matter! If the activity that you participated in isn't in this list, you can still use the guiding questions or ask for help from the PSP staff or mentors.

### **Re-Introduce Yourself→**

1. What is your name, grade and what school do you go to?
2. What was your favorite PSP activity last year? Why?
3. What are you looking forward to accomplishing this school year?
4. What are you looking forward to doing with PSP this year?
  - a. Example: My name is Beyoncé Knowles, I'm in 12<sup>th</sup> grade at Lemonade High School. Last year I had a great time at the College Success Retreat with PSP because I learned more about applying to college and how to pay for it. This year I'm excited to apply to colleges and participate in more cultural activities with PSP. I'd like to go to my first concert and visit universities that I get admitted to.

### **Museums→**

1. What museum did you visit?
2. What exhibits did you visit?
3. What exhibit was your favorite? Why was this your favorite?
4. Did this visit make you want to learn more about any particular subject?
5. Why was this visit meaningful for you?
  - a. Example: I went to see a dinosaur exhibit at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles. This trip was important to me because I always had an interest in dinosaurs. When I was little I liked seeing dinosaurs on TV and in books and now that I'm older I enjoy learning about them and archeology and fossils. Going to the museum made me want to continue learning more about archeology and maybe pursue that in college.

### **Plays→**

1. What play did you go see?
2. Where did you go see the play?
3. Did you know anything about the play before going to see it?
4. What was your favorite part of the play? Why was this your favorite?
5. What did seeing this play mean to you?
  - a. Example: I went to see *Hamilton* in Los Angeles. I was excited to see this play because I heard so much about it and I felt so lucky to see it live and myself represented in the production. I loved seeing the costumes and hearing the fun music while learning more about history.

### **Restaurants→**

1. What restaurant did you go to?
2. What kind of food do they serve at this restaurant?
3. Have you had this type of food before?
4. What was your favorite item on the menu? Why was this your favorite?
5. What did you learn about this type of food or culture?
  - a. Example: I went to Ayara Thai Cuisine, a Thai restaurant in Los Angeles. I'd never had this type of food before and my favorite dish was chicken pad Thai because it was spicy and well cooked. I learned that a lot of Thai dishes are spicy. I enjoy spicy food because in my culture we have a lot of spicy food too. I learned that there are similarities in the food flavors of my culture and the Thai culture.

### **College Trips→**

1. What colleges did you visit and what location are they in?
2. What was your favorite college that you visited? Why was it your favorite?
3. Will you be applying to any of the colleges you visited? Why or why not?
4. If you hadn't gone on this trip would you have considered these schools?
5. What's a fun thing that you did during this college trip?
  - a. Example: I visited Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA. I loved this school because it is a small campus like my high school and it has really pretty views. I am considering applying to this school because they have a business major that I'm interested in and I have grades that meet the requirements. During this trip I was able to buy a smoothie from the Jamba Juice they have on campus and take lots of pictures on the bluff to show my friends and family.

### **Other→**

1. What activity did you do?
2. Where was this activity?
3. Did you share any fun moments with other scholars or your mentor during this activity?
4. If this activity "took you out of your comfort zone" why does that matter? Did going outside your comfort allow you to learn something new?
  - a. Example: I went to an amusement park with other scholars and my mentor. We had so much fun and I got to bond with other PSP scholars during the trip. We listened to music that we like and learned that we have a lot of things in common. I also went out of my comfort zone during this trip because I went on a roller coaster and I've always been really scared to do that. My mentor was really supportive and encouraged me every step of the way. It was important for me to go out of my comfort zone because I realized I can do anything I put my mind to and I was able to face my fears.