

# Personal Profile

Complete the statements below to help me write your college letter of recommendation.

**Name:** Monica Magdaleno

## 1. The three qualities you like best about yourself are...

The three qualities that I enjoy most about myself are my genuine empathy towards others, my self-motivation, and my flexibility.

## 2. The accomplishments you are most proud of are...

I am most proud of an award I received in tennis. I was voted “most improved” in a team of close to fifty girls. Although it may not seem such a huge deal for varsity players, personally it was a huge accomplishment. My daily dedication to practice and all the time I invested in playing felt as if they had paid off during the season, but nothing would top the moment my name was called up to receive the award.

## 3. The outside of school activity that has been most rewarding for you is....because....

The extracurricular activity I have found the most rewarding is tutoring the kinder and second graders at my former elementary school. The reason I find this the most rewarding is because I am given the opportunity to help mold future generations and share my love of reading with them. In addition to contributing to the education of the youth, I am able to create timeless memories. The feeling of seeing the children around and having them run up to me and hug me calling out “Maestra Monica!”, *maestra* meaning “teacher” in Spanish, fills my heart with warmth and love, a feeling alone that is priceless.

## 4. What is your greatest area of weakness, and why?

My greatest area of weakness is not knowing when to give up on a project. As a very optimistic person and a self-proclaimed “problem solver” I have a tendency of always searching for a solution or a way around a problem, even if it is a lost cause. I have yet developed the ability to differentiate when to look for an alternative route and when to quit.

## 5. Are there any “extenuating circumstances” that I should include in the recommendation? For example: difficult adjustment to high school; family structure change; illness or other personal issues, etc.

Some “extenuating circumstances” for me include having to adjust to an enormously different environment. The elementary and middle schools I attended were small, with a









