Personal Profile

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

Name: Luisa Murillo

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

The three qualities I like best about myself are that I am hardworking, genuinely care about each person that I befriend, and willing to drop everything in order to help someone.

2. The accomplishments you are most proud of are…

During my junior year of high school, I was able to serve as my school's Key Club president.I raised the membership of the club from being only the board members to over fifty members in a span of one school year.

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

Every year, my family visits needy families in Mexicali to give them food, toys, and presents for the holidays. The collection of goods for the families is a year long process and has shown me to be caring and aware of others that are in much dire circumstances than I am.

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

My greatest area of weakness would be my worrying too much over others. I often become consumed by the problems of others due to my overwhelming need to help whomever is in need.

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.

Throughout my junior year, the situation with my parents has grown worse. My step father's constant negativity and quick temper have pushed me to a point where I was no longer to focus on my studies as I usually could. With their coming divorce and him moving out, I will be facing even more stress than I have been previously put under.

6. Right now, what are your top priorities?

My top priorities right now are to get good grades and be as good of a person I can be to make my mom proud.

7. What statement summarizes your personal philosophy of life?

“Everything will be ok in the end. If it’s not okay, it’s not the end.”

8. What are your career goals or areas of interest?

I would like to study psychology and become a family therapist in order to help others with their problems. Owning my own private practice is the ultimate goal, but my second choice would be to work as a counselor at a rehabilitation center.

9. If you work, where are you employed and how many hours per week do you work? What do you like best and least about your job?

N/A

10. Use this remaining space to relate a specific event that affected you in some way (socially, physically, emotionally, or spiritually). The event you choose and the effect it had on you should give me some insight about you.

When I was in fifth grade, I made the decision to stop speaking to my biological dad. It was a tough decision to make especially since I was so young, but it was one that needed to be made for my own well being. He was not a good dad and constantly put his other girlfriends over me. After realizing this, I went through a mild state of depression, feeling as if I was unwanted and alone. I used this event in my life as fuel to do better in life whether it be in school or other activities. In a way, it is thanks to him that I am so driven to achieve my goals both academically and career wise.