

Dean's List Judging Tips



The Judges

There are usually two judges that will interview Dean's List Nominees at the event your team selected to have your submission reviewed at. They do not know anything about you besides the information your essay has provided them.

Tips

- Do a few practice interviews with the questions below with a variety of people so you get comfortable with answering questions about yourself
- Have a good understanding of what information is in your essay so you can elaborate on it in your interview
- Be able to answer standard job interview questions
- Avoid one word answers. Answer questions with a response that will help leads into another topic for the judges to ask you about.
- Always tell the truth
- Give answers that will give the judges a look at who you are as a person beyond your essay - explaining the why behind your answers will provide that to them
- Ask the judges questions

General Questions

- Where do you expect to be in x years?
- What does it mean to be a leader?
- Where do you want to go to school? Why?
- Have you applied for FIRST scholarships?
- Who is a role model in your life and why?

Team Related

- Why did you join your team?
- What do you do on your team? Why do you do what you do? How did you find the role that was right for you?
- How are you a leader on your team?
- How do you inspire others to be leaders?
- Do you plan to stay involved with **FIRST** after high school?

Additional Questions

These types of questions help the judges see how you think on your feet

- What do you think is the biggest issue you or your school or the world faces right now
- Who is your hero or favorite writer or actor and why?
- Favorite food / color / movie / etc?

GOOD LUCK!