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## Application motivations of secondary school students

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### QUESTIONNAIRE

#### - NON APPLICANTS -

*Responses are voluntary!*

**1.1 In what professional field do you study?  
(comprehensive school, technical school)**  
*(More than one answer is possible!)*

- 1 - industry, building industry, water management
- 2 - agriculture
- 3 - transport, telecommunication, postal
- 4 - commerce
- 5 - catering
- 6 - economics
- 7 - health care
- 8 - nursery school teacher training
- 9 - other: .....
- .....

**1.2 In what specialisation do you study?  
(secondary grammar school, comprehensive school, technical school)**  
*(More than one answer is possible!)*

- 1 - general
- 2 - language
- 3 - mathematics
- 4 - information technology
- 5 - chemistry, biology, physics
- 6 - physical education
- 7 - music
- 8 - other: .....
- .....

#### **2. Gender:**

- 1 - male
- 2 - female

#### **3. Where do you live?**

- 1 - in the same settlement where the school is located
- 2 - in a different settlement than the school (I commute to school from there every day)
- 3 - in a dormitory

#### **4. Your mother's highest level of education (or foster-mother):**

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 - less than 8 years of elementary school                                                 | 5 - secondary grammar school final examination                                                                                      |
| 2 - 8 years of elementary school                                                           | 6 - college                                                                                                                         |
| 3 - trade school, technical school, vocational training, vocational school, apprenticeship | 7 - university                                                                                                                      |
| 4 - comprehensive school (with final examination)                                          | 8 - degree in science (qualifications in law or as a doctor of medicine only fit this category if a scientific degree was obtained) |

#### **5. Your father's highest level of education (or foster-father):**

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 1 - less than 8 years elementary school                                                    | 4 - comprehensive school (with final examination) |
| 2 - 8 years elementary school                                                              | 5 - secondary grammar school final examination    |
| 3 - trade school, technical school, vocational training, vocational school, apprenticeship | 6 - college                                       |
|                                                                                            | 7 - university                                    |

8 - degree in science (qualifications in law or as a doctor of medicine only fit this category if a

scientific degree was obtained)

**6. In your opinion, In what financial circumstances do you live in comparison with the average in Hungary (not only considering your classmates and friends!)?**

- 1 - far above average
- 2 - somewhat above average
- 3 - approximately average
- 4 - somewhat below average
- 5 - far below average

**7. Do you have brothers or sisters?**

1 - yes  
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IF YOU HAVE BROTHERS OR

**7.1. Does, or did (s)he (if you have more than one brother or sister, then at least one of them) study at college or university?**

- 1 - yes
- 2 - no

2 - I do not have

**8. Have your acquaintances or friends applied now or earlier to study at any higher education institution?**

- 1 - yes, (almost) all of them
- 2 - yes, most of them
- 3 - about half of them have, half of them have not
- 4 - only a minority of them
- 5 - no, none or hardly any of them

**9. How much do you think a university/college degree is necessary for success in Hungary today?**

- 1 - absolutely necessary, essential
- 2 - necessary
- 3 - unnecessary
- 4 - absolutely unnecessary

**10. Do you think, that people who have a university/college degree in Hungary today...**

- 1 - earn much more
- 2 - earn more
- 3 - earn about the same amount
- 4 - earn less
- 5 - earn much less

... than people without a degree?

**11. Have you applied to sit an advanced level final examination in a foreign language?**

- 1 - yes
- 2 - no

**12. Have you applied to sit an advanced level final examination in any other subject (not in a foreign language)?**

- 1 - yes
- 2 - no

**13. When—at what age—do you think the following things will first happen to you? (If it has already happened, please indicate how old you were at that time in the first column! If you feel that the given event will never happen to you, then please circle 99!)**

	HAS HAPPENED	WHEN WILL IT HAPPEN	NEVER
1. leave the family home, live independently of my parents	at the age of .....	at the age of .....	99
2. get married (establish a long-term relationship with a partner)	at the age of .....	at the age of .....	99

3. earn money for the first time to take care of myself	at the age of .....	at the age of .....	99
4. first become a father/mother	at the age of .....	at the age of .....	99
5. first work full-time	at the age of .....	at the age of .....	99
6. first come and go whenever I want	at the age of .....	at the age of .....	99

**14. What will you (probably) do in the year following your final examination? Mark only one answer!**

- 1 - I will work at a workplace.
- 2 - I will work to make a living from temporary work.
- 3 - I will work in my own or my acquaintances' business.
- 4 - I will not work, I will make a living from something else (e.g. my parents will support me).
- 5 - I will attend this school and learn a profession.
- 6 - I will attend another school (training at another place) and learn a profession.
- 7 - I will attend this school for a *higher level professional course*.
- 8 - I will attend another school (training at another place) for a *higher level professional course*.
- 9 - I will go abroad to work.
- 10 - I will study abroad at a secondary school or undertake other training abroad (not providing a college or university degree).
- 11 - I will study at a university or college abroad.
- 12 - Other (PLEASE WRITE IN BRIEF!): .....

**15. When did you decide that you would not apply for university or college place this Spring?**

- 1 - A few weeks before the application deadline (15th February)
- 2 - Months before the application deadline (15th February)
- 3 - Earlier than that

**16. There may be several reasons for not applying to a higher education institution after secondary school. From the statements below mark the one that is most characteristic of you!**

- 1 - I want to work in the profession that I studied. (*For comprehensive school students.*)
- 2 - I want to study further in the profession that I learned but not at university or college. (*for comprehensive school students*)
- 3 - I want to work but not in my profession. (*For comprehensive school students.*)
- 4 - I would rather learn a (different) profession. (*For comprehensive school students.*)
- 5 - I want to work because it interests me more. (*For secondary grammar school students.*)
- 6 - I would rather learn some kind of profession. (*For secondary grammar school students.*)
- 7 - I do not enjoy learning enough to continue studies at university or college after comprehensive or secondary grammar school.
- 8 - It is pointless to study further.
- 9 - I plan further studies later, and I want to do something else till then (PLEASE INDICATE!): .....
- 10 - I can not afford financially to study further.
- 11 - I would prefer to earn money rather than studying for years.
- 12 - There is nothing that interests me enough yet to study further.
- 13 - My study results do not provide the opportunity for further studies (at the major, university/college which I would like to attend).
- 14 - I want to learn more (e.g. entrance examination preparatory course) so that I can apply for university or college later.
- 15 - I have not decided if I want to study further.
- 16 - Other reason (PLEASE WRITE IN BRIEF!): .....

17. When you decided that you would not apply for university or college this Spring, whose opinion affected your decision most? Write the person whose opinion you took into consideration most in the first square, and write the second most important person in the second one. Leave the second square empty if people belonging to only one of the listed categories affected your decision. If there was absolutely nobody who affected you at all, then write "0" to both squares!



17.1. Most influential people

17.2. Second most influential people

- 1 - my parents
- 2 - my brother or sister
- 3 - other relatives
- 4 - my teachers
- 5 - my acquaintances and friends
- 6 - my classmates
- 7 - others (PLEASE SPECIFY!): .....
- 8 - articles read in newspapers or on the Internet, information heard (seen) on the radio or television
- 0 - nobody affected me at all

18. Did anybody in your environment try to persuade you to study further?  
(MORE THAN ONE ANSWER IS POSSIBLE!)

	yes	no
1. my parents	1	2
2. my brother or sister	1	2
3. other relatives	1	2
4. my acquaintances and friends	1	2
5. my classmates	1	2
6. my teachers	1	2
7. my other acquaintances	1	2
8. others (PLEASE SPECIFY!): .....	1	2
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19. Do you want to apply for university or college later?

- 1 - yes, certainly
- 2 - yes, probably
- 3 - Am unable to decide yet
- 4 - probably not
- 5 - certainly not

20. If it is conceivable that some time you may apply for university or college, then how many years from now do you think it might happen?

..... years later  
99 - I will certainly not apply

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!