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**Application motivations of secondary school students**

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**QUESTIONNAIRE****- APPLICANTS -***Responses are voluntary!***1.1 In what professional field are you studying?  
(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 What specialisation are you studying?  
(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 in which 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<br>examination   |
| 2 - 8 years of elementary school   | 6 - college   |
| 3 - trade school, technical school,<br>vocational training, vocational school,<br>apprenticeship | 7 - university  |
| 4 - comprehensive school (with final<br>examination)   | 8 - degree in science (qualifications in law or as<br>a doctor of medicine only fit this category if a<br>scientific degree was obtained) |

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

- 1 - less than 8 years of elementary school
- 2 - 8 years of elementary school

3 - trade school, technical school,  
vocational training, vocational school,  
apprenticeship

4 - comprehensive school (with final  
examination)

5 - secondary grammar school final  
examination

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      *IF YOU HAVE BROTHERS OR SISTERS =>>*

**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 to study at any higher education institution now or previously?**

- 1 - yes, (almost) all of them
- 2 - yes, most of them
- 3 - about half of them have, half of the 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 money
- 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 write 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. come and go whenever I want first	at the age of .....	at the age of .....	99

**14. Where did you apply in the first place?**

institution, faculty: ..... settlement: .....major:.....

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**14.1. Faculty code:** ..... **14.2. Major code:**.....

**14.3. Educational form**

- 1 - undergraduate programme (BA, BSc)
- 2 - unified, undivided programme
- 3 - higher education professional programme

**14.4. Programme type:**

- 1 - regular
- 2 - evening
- 3 - correspondent
- 4 - distance learning

**14.5. Financial form:**

- 1 - financed by the state
- 2 - tuition payment

**15. If you have been admitted to the first place that you marked, what will you (probably) do in the school year starting in Autumn 2010? Mark only one answer!**

- 1 - I will register and go to university/college.
- 2 - I will register and go to university/college, and I will work, do occasional work.
- 3 - I will register and go to university/college, and I will continuously work in a full-time or part-time job.
- 4 - I will postpone the first year and will work.
- 5 - I will postpone the first year and go abroad to work or learn a foreign language.
- 6 - I do not know yet, but I might not register in Autumn 2010.
- 7 - Other (PLEASE SPECIFY!): .....

**16. If you are admitted but not to the first place that you marked, what will you (probably) do in the school year starting in Autumn 2010? Mark only one answer! If you submitted your application form to one place only, then mark category 8 and continue from question 17 !**

- 1 - I will register where I was admitted to and go to university/college.
- 2 - I will register where I was admitted to and go to university/college, and I will work, do occasional work.
- 3 - I will register where I was admitted to and go to university/college, and I will continuously work in a full-time or part-time job.
- 4 - I will postpone the first year and will work.
- 5 - I will postpone the first year and go abroad to work or learn a foreign language.
- 6 - I do not know yet, but I might not register in Autumn 2010.
- 7 - Other (PLEASE SPECIFY!): .....

8 - I submitted my application form to one institution only.

**17. If you are admitted, but not to the first place that you marked, will you re apply to the major and institution marked at the first place?**

- 1 - yes, certainly
- 2 - yes, probably
- 3 - probably not
- 4 - certainly not

**18. If you are not admitted to any of the places that you marked then what will you (probably) do in the following year? 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 (e.g. my parents will support me).
- 5 - I will attend this school and learn a profession.
- 6 - I will attend another school or undertake other secondary level training and learn a profession.
- 7 - I will attend this school and obtain a higher level qualification (not higher level professional qualification).
- 8 - I will attend another school or undertake other higher level training (not a higher level professional qualification).
- 9 - I will attend this school for a *higher level professional qualification programme*.
- 10 - I will attend another school or other training for *not higher education professional qualification* (not at university or college)
- 11 - I will go abroad to work
- 12 - I will study abroad in a secondary school or other training abroad (not providing college or university degree).
- 13 - I will study at a university or college abroad.
- 14 - I will primarily prepare for the next entrance examinations (I will go to examination preparatory course), and I will not work.
- 15 - Other (PLEASE SPECIFY!): .....
- .....

**19. If you are not admitted to any of the places that you marked then will you reapply to university or college?**

- 1 - yes, certainly
- 2 - yes, probably
- 3 - probably not
- 4 - certainly not

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**