

“The Discover the Stars Program”

The interviews

The interviews generally last approximately 20 minutes.

Four people will be present: a representative from the Chamber of Commerce, a person from the business world, a person from the education sector and a judge (an observer).

These people are volunteers. They spend their day meeting the students while work accumulates at the office. The judges are there to reassure the students, they are there to select the best without making them feel cornered. There shouldn't be any trick questions. If the student doesn't know the answer, he should say so and not try to bluff his way through as this is never a good idea in an interview.

The student will be questioned on their project (a good idea would be to revise it the evening prior) and on their personality. The students are often surprised that the judges know so much about them. They shouldn't be as the judges have read their file and accompanied CV thoroughly.

Should the student be involved in any community services, they should mention it if the subject is broached. Charitable people are sensitive to their kind.

As for a dress code, it is expected that students dress up more than what they normally wear for school; yet, they aren't attending a formal evening either.

Upon entering and exiting, it is expected that greetings will take place. The first impression always leaves a lasting impression. Smile and appreciate the moment: four adults are interested in you and in what you have to say.

Some questions will be asked in French to judge the knowledge of the second language.

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The student’s file

First off, the school MUST respect the deadline date for sending the files.
The school must supply the original as well as 3 photocopies of the original.

The file must be assembled in this order:

1. Registration form:

Indicate if the student is heading towards sciences or technology

Signatures of school administration, student & parent (tutor) must all appear

2. The work requested: a project of scientific nature with well identified references. Copy & paste internet found projects will not be admissible. (Projects based on a company will not be accepted)

3. A curriculum vitae

4. The secondary 4 MELS report (not the Secondary 4 report card)

5. The most recent secondary 5 report card results

6. One letter of reference from inside of the school and one letter of reference from outside of the school.

**Should the student receive a grant he will be required to remit:
a 4 x 6cm graduation picture;
a letter of acceptance from CEGEP as soon as possible.**

