Commonly Asked Medical School Interview Questions

Why are you applying to this school?
How do you spend your free time? / What do you do for fun?
What stimulated your interest in medicine?
Tell me about your family and your relationship with them.
What do you think the most pressing health concern is in the U.S.?
How do you plan to finance your medical education?
There are 1,000 applicants as qualified as you; why should we select you?
What steps have you taken to acquaint yourself with what a physician does?
What will you do if you are not accepted to medical school?
Describe your personality.
What aspects of your life experiences do you think make you a good candidate for medical school?
How have you shown your sensitivity to others' problems?
What major decisions have you made on your own?
What causes AIDS?
Tell me about why you did not do well in ..... course?
Why did you major in ..... ?
What will you be doing in medicine 10-15 years from now?
What are your weaknesses, and how do you try to overcome them?
What has been your biggest disappointment?
What extracurricular activities have meant the most to you?
Describe your research.
What makes you so sure you want to be a doctor?
What was the last book you read? (Note: The schools are tired of hearing Harry Potter!)
What is your opinion of managed health care?
How do you deal with stress?
What would you do if a patient won't follow directions?
Who is your role model?
Why did you choose Williams?
What was the most important experience in your life?
Why do we still have 46 million uninsured people in this country?
How have your volunteer activities affected your view of medicine?
What do you think about physician-assisted suicide?
What has been your exposure to/experience with faiths outside your own?
How have you helped a senior citizen recently?
Describe a situation in which you were a leader/ team player.
What will be your greatest challenge in med school?