

The following text, which describes the survey, should be included with the survey packet (if mailed) or read aloud (if administered in person):

We ask that you complete this survey as part of a national study of higher education conducted by the American Council on Education and the University of California at Los Angeles. One major goal of this research is to determine what happens to students when they attend college. These studies are designed to help improve the quality of college education and thus may benefit future generations of college students. Results of your participation will also be directly beneficial to (name of your campus), since we will receive complete tabulations of your responses to compare with the responses of students nationwide.

We ask for your name and address so that the researchers at UCLA can contact you at some later date for a follow-up study. We would also like your Social Security Number so we can merge your responses with other campus data to support our institutional research program. Of course, your responses will be used only for research purposes and will be kept in the strictest confidence. Your participation is voluntary and will not affect your standing at (name of your campus).

PLEASE NOTE: The same text is printed on the first page of the 2003 CIRP Freshman Survey Administration Guidelines.