

The DADD (Dads **Against** Daughters Dating) Checklist

Checklist for

(Insert Name of Innocent Daughter Above)

This Checklist may be initiated at the request of The Daughter, but preferably by a member of the Suitor Committee for Approval Tomorrow (SCAT) when a likely candidate presents himself for a date.

The Father's Duties

Fathers do not, by their nature, approve of the modern dating system. They would much prefer arranged marriages with virgin sons from families of known reputation.

In the absence of this much saner system, The Father and other SCAT members assume the responsibility to help The Daughter pick a suitable husband by using his and their vast skills (and memories of what it was like to be a boy) to root out unsuitable candidates.

Fathers have very broad powers and may reject The Candidate for any reason shown below or other reasons that become evident or for no reason.¹

This petition to SCAT will be rejected immediately unless accompanied by the following documentation:²

Applicant Background Information

1. Statement from your dentist that you do not suffer from gingivitis or halitosis (which would offend The Father, and, if you ever get close enough, The Daughter). _____
2. Three character references from people at **least** 20 years older than you. Suggestion: Ministers, teachers, and retired bankers. _____

¹ Acceptance: The application may be approved only after all steps have been meticulously followed. It may, however, be rejected for any reason.

² **The Applicant must assemble the required information and *mail* it to The Father.** The Candidate should NOT present himself with the information, which would merely annoy The Father and cause immediate rejection of the application.

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3. Letters of reference from three previous girlfriends attesting to the fact that you do not own chest jewelry (cause for immediate disqualification). _____
4. A recent photo. _____
5. Notarized statement from insurance agent attesting to your flawless driving record. _____
6. Unedited video clip of a walk-around of your car. _____
(Designed to detect that it is not a van, station wagon, or SUV. Also designed to detect traces of bumper stickers, one of which might read "If it's a rockin', don't come knockin'." Should either be detected, the former Applicant should **RUN**, preferably in a zigzag fashion.)

The Father reviews the written application. Where the qualifications of The Candidate do not unduly offend The Father, he schedules a personal interview.

Disqualifiers

Ask The Applicant the following:³

7. Do you own a truck or van? _____
8. Does it have a waterbed or mattress in the back? _____
9. Do you own a waterbed? _____
10. Do you own condoms? _____
11. Do you own pornography? _____
12. Do you have an earring, nose ring, belly-button ring? _____
13. Tattoo? (On what?) _____

The Father makes small talk with The Applicant and determines the following:

14. Applicant's sense of humor is amusing and personality is pleasant enough not to annoy The Father. _____
15. Can discuss current affairs intelligently. _____
16. Does not appear to be a communist, feminist, or drug addict. _____
17. Appearance does not offend The Father. _____

After a sniff check, The Father decides whether to allow the application to continue and initials one of the following:

_____ **Disapproved!** _____ Approval to Continue This Form

If approved: Forward entire package to The Grandfather or Moral Authority.

³ Wrong answers to the Disqualifiers immediately terminate the interview.

The Moral Authority

Duties include asking subtle questions to determine if The Applicant is someone we want to be in the same general vicinity as The Daughter.

Suggested Subtle Questions

18. What church do you attend? How often do you attend? _____
19. What would be the best time to interview your mother, father, minister? _____

I'm going to give you some hypothetical situations.⁴ Just tell me the first word that comes to mind:

20. If I were in an accident, the last thing I would want injured is my: _____
21. If I were beaten, the last bone I would want broken is my: _____
22. The one thing I hope this application does not ask me is: _____
23. What do you want to be if you grow up? _____
24. Condoms come in packs of ____? _____
25. A woman's place is in the: _____
26. When I meet a girl, the first thing I notice about her is: _____

(If this begins with "T" or "A," discontinue. Leave at once. Running in a serpentine fashion is recommended.)

27. What is the current rate on a hotel room? \$_____ _____

If applicant passes to this point, the Moral Authority then determines The Applicant has:

28. Profound knowledge of world religions. _____
29. Read *Gone with the Wind* and *Atlas Shrugged* 10-15 times each. _____

In the unlikely event The Applicant has made it this far, the Moral Authority has The Candidate recite from memory:

30. The names of all Fred Astaire movies. _____
31. The speeches given at his last three family reunions. _____

⁴ I can't take credit for all the questions here. Somewhere along the way I saw these on one of those emails that whiz around the Internet. These "moral authority" questions are in at least 1220 web docs. They were too good to pass up.

In the likely event the application is not approved, The Applicant is notified with a letter detailing his shortcomings and suggesting there might be less vigilant fathers elsewhere. The letter thoughtfully recommends joining one of the priestly orders. No appeal will be accepted.

_____ **Disapproved!** _____ Approval to Continue This Form

If approved: In the unlikely event the petition has been approved, The Applicant is advised to travel (at his own expense) for a meeting with The Brother or other Approved Expert on the Manly Arts for further examination of his suitability to have a date with The Daughter.

The Expert on the Manly Arts

The candidate spends a day with The Brother or other Expert on the Manly Arts. The Father is interested only in MANLY candidates as suitors for The Daughter.

The Brother reviews The Candidate's collection of movies and books. He is expected to have copies of all of Arnold's movies and, of course, those featuring "The Rock." (The Father will be most interested to learn that any copy of the movie "Junior" is unopened as a manly man would not be interested in a movie or any other information about a pregnant Arnold.)

32. Takes The Candidate to the gym. _____
10-mile run: Beginning Pulse ____ Ending Pulse: ____
1-mile swim: Beginning Pulse ____ Ending Pulse: ____
Bench press: ____ lbs, ____ reps
If less than 200 pounds, discontinue application.
Squat: ____ lbs, ____ reps
33. Takes The Candidate to "All You Can Eat" buffet. Must _____
demonstrate substantial appetite.

Survival Skills

34. Takes The Candidate into nearby desert or wilderness _____
area and leaves candidate with flat tire, no gas, and no
money. The Candidate must return car in working
order in 8 hours.
35. The Brother inconspicuously inspects The Candidate's _____
gums and ears. Samples The Candidate's breath at
least four times during the week.
36. The Brother engages The Candidate in conversation on _____
the subject of "Dating Manners" and another on the
exact meaning, history, and etymology of the phrase,
"Do not ..."

- 37. The Brother inspects photos of baseball hat collection. _____
(Look carefully to determine if any show distortions in their natural shape that might have come from being worn sideways. The Father does not like this.)
- 38. The Brother must spend enough time with The Candidate to determine he does not have excessive chest hair showing. Tufts of back hair are immediate disqualifiers. _____
- 39. Through personal inspection, verifies that The Candidate does not have long nose or ear hair. _____

_____ **Disapproved!** _____ Approval to Continue This Form

If The Candidate has not been disqualified by The Brother, this Disqualification Form and all attachments are forwarded to the ChairMAN of the Suitor Committee for Approval Tomorrow (who is, naturally, The Father.)

Notification

The Father notifies The Candidate he has passed this modest checklist and may now go on one DATE to a suitable location arranged by The Father. Four Members of SCAT will accompany The Candidate and The Daughter. Candidate will, of course, pay all expenses. (The Brother likes lobster.)

So as not to intimidate The Candidate and The Daughter, SCAT members will remain silent on the date, only taking notes to be discussed further. SCAT members will pay special attention to the time The Candidate brings The Daughter home.

Findings and Recommendations

_____ **Disapproved!**

The Committee, having met in full executive session, has examined The Candidate and found him **NOT WORTHY** of The Daughter.

The Candidate is rejected and may reapply only upon payment of a \$5,000 re-application fee whose sole purpose is to compensate SCAT Members for their annoyance at having to deal with The Candidate again.

_____ Approval to Continue This Form

The Committee having met in full has examined The Candidate and found him **acceptable** to date The Daughter. The Candidate is now assigned a number by The Committee for convenience of referring to him. (The Father is #1.)

(A suitable number for The Suitor could be #73 to indicate his standing in The Daughter's life.)

For convenience' sake, The Candidate may be referred to by his number should future oral or written communication be required. This status is subject to periodic examination and may be upgraded in five years.

This status is petitionable by The Daughter.