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General Background Information:

1. What is your name?
2. When and where were you born?
3. Describe your household members as you were growing up: (family? - extended family? -non-relatives?)
4. What was your living situation while growing up?
5. Would you take me through a timeline of where you lived at each age?

Housing Insecurity

6. When did you first experience “housing insecurity”? What happened?
7. What led up to it? Was there an event or life change that brought on the situation?
8. Were you employed at the time?
9. What were you able to do to secure a place to stay?
10. How well did it work?
11. How long did you experience housing insecurity? (days, weeks, months or years?)
12. Were you able to access resources to help you with housing issues?
13. What kind of help was available?
14. Was it helpful?
15. Who could you rely on at this time?
16. Can you describe what your priorities were during this period of housing insecurity?
17. Did you have adequate food?
18. Can you speculate about how gender influenced your experiences?
19. Is there something more I should know?

Resolution

20. Have you been able to find a more secure housing situation?
21. How and when did that happen?
22. Where are you living now?

Higher Education

23. What’s your educational journey been like?
24. What brought you to SCU?
25. What is your degree plan? How far are you in your studies?
26. How do you like St Kate’s?
27. Do you think your classmates are aware of and/or sensitive to issues of poverty and homelessness? Any specific instances or examples you can provide?
28. What about the curriculum, professors, professional staff?—are they sensitive to issues of poverty among our campus community? Got any examples?

29. What do you wish they (other students and profs) knew?

Post-Graduation:

30. When do you plan to graduate?

31. What are your plans, hopes, dreams for after graduation?

32. If you were on the other side of the mic - so to speak -what is the one question you would ask?

33. How would you answer your own question?

34. Anything else I should know?