

Scholarship Application Scoring Rubric

Criteria	Excellent – Good 10-8 points	Average – Fair 7-4 points	Needs Improvement 3-0 points
Essay 1 Character & Commitment **Letters of recommendations count as overall character & commitment (some scholarships require letters of recommendations as well as applicants had an option to upload if they chose)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compelling and engaging. Demonstrates and understanding of academic goals and provides specific examples of skills, strengths and/or personal qualities needed to achieve goals. Response addresses essay prompt clearly and directly. Writing includes very few or no typographical, spelling, grammatical, or structural errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging Identifies adequate examples of the skills, strengths, and/or personal qualities needed to achieve academic goals. Response addresses chosen essay prompt and provides good connections. Writing included few typographical, spelling, grammatical, and/or structural errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not engaging Identifies very few to no examples of the skills, strengths and/or personal qualities needed to achieve academic goals. Response to writing prompt is unclear of vague Essay lacks clear organization and appropriate transitions Writing includes many typographical, spelling, grammatical, and/or structural errors.
Essay 2 Extracurricular Activities (could include community service, sports or work)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participates in wide variety of community service or extra-curricular activities Very clearly articulates how activities connect between career choice and goals Writing includes very few or no typographical, spelling, grammatical, or structural errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participates in some activities Somewhat articulates how activities connect between career choice and goals Writing includes very few or no typographical, spelling, grammatical, or structural errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little to no additional activities outside of school or no recent activities (w/in past 3 years) Not clear how service ties to career choice and goals Writing includes many typographical, spelling, grammatical, and/or structural errors.
Essay 3 Student Choice **Also use this rubric for additional essay questions (not all scholarships require additional essays)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compelling and engaging Response addresses chosen essay prompt, clearly and directly Provides specific details/strong connections Writing includes very few or no typographical, spelling, grammatical, or structural errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging Response addresses chosen essay prompt and provides good connections Essay shows clear organization with appropriate transitions. Writing included few typographical, spelling, grammatical, and/or structural errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response to writing prompt is unclear of vague Essay lacks clear organization and appropriate transitions Writing includes many typographical, spelling, grammatical, and/or structural errors