



Scholarship Application Essay Guidance

Submit an essay about your plans and discuss the impact your choices will make in your future. Essay must be typed and will be scored on: **Plans/Objective, Impact of Choices, Grammar/Presentation, and Originality/Inspiration.**

Be sure to include an introduction that illustrates your passion for your goals and a conclusion that helps the reader understand your ability to reach your goals. Please use the **guiding** questions below to help you write your essay.

1. Tell the reader about your specific education and career goals/plans. (PICK ONE)

- Why is your specific career choice so important to you?
- What have you done to explore this career and what do you plan to do to prepare for this career in the future? (internships, job-shadow, courses, clubs, organizations, community service, research...)
- What activities outside of class influenced your career decision?
- Besides a paycheck, what do you hope to learn or gain from this career?
- Why do you find this subject so fascinating?
- How did you first discover this interest and what made you like it more and more?
- What specific knowledge, skills and experience do you hope to gain by studying this subject?

2. What impact will your career and education choices have on your future? (PICK ONE)

- How did your education and career choices influence your thoughts, opinions and actions in high school?
- How did your education and career choices change the way you thought about yourself?
- How do you expect your life to change in college?
- Which specific college resources do you intend to utilize inside and outside of your courses?
- How do you intend to share your unique perspective with others in the college community?
- What do you expect your life to be like after college?
- What type of job, co-workers and employment setting do you hope to pursue?
- How do you intend to impact others as a professional?