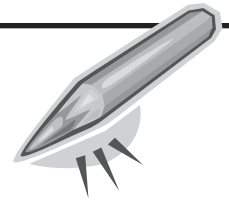


WRITING THE WINNING SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY



(First Rough Draft)

Complete the pre-writes first in this order before doing this activity: *My Vision, Dreams, Goals for My Future, Life Purpose Statement, Brainstorming Using Linking* to organize your main ideas, and the *Five Senses Essay Pre-write* to assist you with the introduction.

I. Introduction

- It must stand out catching the attention and interest of the reader. Use at least two of the five senses.
- It can be a description of an engaging scene; it can ask a question, state a fact or be a quote that has been emphasized by a parent, grandparent or relative, be very positive or it can be related to your obstacle.
- It must be unique and must stand out above all others.
- NEVER start the essay with, "Hello, my name is _____."

II. Body of Essay - Each section of the body should have only 2-3 sentences.

A. Family

1. Describe your family being very specific: ethnic background, country origins, number of brothers/sisters
2. Parents educational background and occupation
3. Include any special circumstances such as: single parent home, illness, death, disability of a family member.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. Obstacle

Begin with *My Vision, Dreams, and Goals for My Future* on page 23. Choose only one of your obstacles listed, review the character qualities learned, and how this obstacle will help you in the future.

1. Describe this most challenging obstacle.
 - What character qualities have you learned, are you presently learning, and/or do you need to learn from your obstacle?
 - Choose three character qualities from the *Forty-Nine Qualities for Success* on page 26.
2. How has this obstacle made you a stronger, better person and more determined in the direction, purpose, and plan for your life?
3. How will this obstacle help you to become the successful person you want to become in the future?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

C. Community Service

Choose two or three community service activities to describe. This is not just a list.

1. What was your commitment? What was your leadership role?
2. Relate a personal experience or story. How did you make a difference?
3. Did you find your purpose in life through your community service activities?
If possible, your community service should match your life interest. If the student's life interest is medicine then the community service should include hospitals, clinics, and/or nursing homes.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

D. Life Purpose and Life Interest

1. Begin with your *Life Purpose Statement, First Rough Draft* on page 25.
2. How and where will you prepare for your life interest, ministry and/or vocation?
3. How can you serve and make a difference in the lives of others through your life interest?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

III. Conclusion

1. Why do you need a scholarship?
2. Describe in detail any special circumstances.
3. The last sentence should contain a clincher, a strong statement showing determination and strength.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____
