

Tips for Writing Scholarship Essays

- ☐ **Read and follow instructions:** understanding all the guidelines and demands.
- ☐ **Due dates** are important and non-negotiable
- ☐ **Organize your ideas** in advance, make an outline, list key features you want to include
- ☐ Use transition words carefully to help the reader understand your ideas and views on the subject.
- ☐ **Be simple and clear**, don't ramble a point too long
- ☐ Include something about you that relates to their organization. With any scholarship essay, you should try to connect yourself with the organization providing the funding. Don't force a connection. Find one that naturally fits. Mention hobbies, experiences and goals that match what the review committee is looking for.
- ☐ **Be Honest**
- ☐ If an essay is around 500 words long, this means that you need to very **brief and clear**, when answering any given question. Your essay should consist of such sections, as:
 1. Introduction;
 2. Body paragraphs;
 3. Conclusion.
- ☐ Follow at least these general rules. They include:
 1. One or two pages long;
 2. Double-spaced;
 3. Times New Roman, Arial or Calibri fonts;
 4. 12 pt size of the font;
 5. One-inch margins on all of the sides.
- ☐ Personalize to you. genuine and sincere, show passion if it is important to you.
- ☐ Check for errors, flow, understandability, and interest. Ask parents or teacher to preview.
- ☐ Word ideas to describe yourself:

1. Passionate	11. Resourceful
2. Ambitious	12. Skillful
3. Driven	13. Thorough
4. Organized	14. Proactive
5. People-person	15. Inventive
6. Results-oriented	16. Practiced
7. Disciplined	17. Self-aware
8. Eager	18. Observant
9. Persuasive	19. Flexible
10. Reliable	20. Helpful
- ☐ Idea words to describe yourself as a leader:

Enterprising	
Initiative	
Confident	Respectable
Bold	Ethical
Self-motivated	Charismatic
Accountable	Humble
Courageous	Disciplined
Engaged	Self-assured
	Transparent
	Reasonable