PARTS Scholarship Contest 2026
ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

1) Choose ONE of the following topics and write a 400 to 500-word essay. **Please write out the full essay prompt at the top of your page**.

- *Leadership is not always an appointed or elected position. Leadership can be having the courage to set an example for others. Describe a time that you exhibited leadership qualities and what you learned from the experience.*

- *Renaissance is often described as more than just a school, it is a community. What is it about RHSA that brings a sense of community? How have you contributed to it during your four years?*

- *Describe your future plans after high school. What made you choose this path? What is it that you want to contribute to the world that is unique to you, your skills, and talents?*

- *Challenges come in many forms, including emotional, mental, and physical. Describe a challenge you have faced in your life, how you have dealt with it, and how you learned from it.*

- *Renaissance prepares students academically, artistically, and professionally for life after high school. What would you say is the most valuable experience that Renaissance has given you? What have you learned from it, and why do you think it is so important for your life?*

2) You do not need to submit your essay in any specific format, it just needs to be neat and legible. We are looking for how well you addressed the prompt, adherence to basic spelling and grammar, and the quality of your writing.

3) **Do NOT include your name ANYWHERE on the essay.** The **essay, transcripts, and resume** must be attached as a file to your google form application. The essay will be separated from the rest of your application, and assigned an identification number that will be kept confidential in the essay panel scoring process. No essay panelist will know the author of any essay. The scholarship review panel members will individually read and score your essay; your final essay points are determined by the average of the scores.

4) Application, transcripts, resumes and essays are all scored separately. Scholarships will be awarded based on the cumulative score of all of the application criteria, the essay is one element of the process.