

2025 Scholarship(s) Rubric



Criteria	0 pts	5 pts	10 pts
Reference Letter	Reference letter(s) <i>lacks detailed information</i> about the applicant's drive and commitment towards further education, and/or their volunteer activities, providing little insight into life experiences. No examples are included.	Reference letter(s) provides <i>some evidence</i> of drive and commitment towards further education and/or their volunteer activities but lacks detail. Some examples are included	Reference letter(s) <i>describes in detail</i> the applicant's drive and commitment towards further education and/or their volunteer activities. Examples are included
Financial Need	Applicant provided <i>little to no evidence</i> of financial need or difficulties in acquiring educational funds.	Applicant mentions financial need but <i>lacks sufficient details</i> for reviewers to understand the extent of the need or the student's challenges in acquiring educational funds.	The applicant <i>demonstrates a significant, unfulfilled need</i> for financial assistance or difficulties in acquiring educational funds.
Applicant's Essay - <i>Personal Impact</i>	Applicant's essay lacks <i>depth</i> in discussing the impact of how the scholarship would positively impact their education and future goals and career plans. Applicants' essay does not describe impact of not receiving scholarship.	Applicant's essay provides <i>some detail</i> but lacks clarity and depth in expressing how the scholarship would positively impact their education and future goals and career plans. Applicants essay describes some impact of not receiving scholarship.	Applicant <i>provides a compelling essay</i> detailing personal significance of the scholarship, outlining how it would positively impact their education and future goals and career plans. Applicants essay describes explicitly impact and change of plans if scholarship is not received
Applicant's Essay and Video	Applicant <i>did not</i> meet 750-word count requirement.	Applicant <i>mostly</i> met 750-word word count requirement.	Applicant <i>fully</i> met 750-word essay requirement.
Volunteering/Community Involvement (Bonus)	Applicant referenced <i>little to no</i> volunteering or relevant community involvement.	Applicant referenced <i>some or minimal</i> volunteering or relevant community involvement.	Applicant referenced <i>significant</i> volunteering or relevant community involvement – that has been validated by their referees.

Academic Achievements	Applicant <i>did not articulate</i> a history of maintaining adequate academic standards and does not demonstrate the ability to complete post-secondary education.	Applicant <i>minimally articulates</i> a history of maintaining adequate academic standards and only somewhat demonstrates the ability to complete post-secondary education.	Applicant <i>effectively articulates</i> a history of maintaining adequate academic standards and significantly demonstrates the ability to complete post-secondary education.
Final score out of 60 and comments	/60 pts		