

Scholarship Essay Tips

Writing a quality scholarship essay takes time and patience. These tips will help you tell the story that you want reviewers to hear!

Preparing Your Essay

- ▶ Write out a list of recent and relevant experiences including milestones, extracurricular involvement, employment, and volunteer work.
- ▶ Reflect on what makes you, you! What are your interests, values, and goals? What experiences shaped you into the person you are today?

Responding to Essay Questions

- ▶ Write complete and comprehensive responses. Writing a few short sentences will not cut it. These essays are your opportunity to share your goals and tell a story. Speaking of telling a story...
- ▶ Tell an *authentic* story! For example, instead of saying you are resilient, demonstrate it by sharing a specific experience, choice, or action.

Before Submitting Your Essay

- ▶ Recruit family and friends to give feedback. Who better to evaluate if your essay is authentic to you than those who know you best?
- ▶ Read your essay out loud a few times to find grammatical or syntax errors.