

Essay Tips for Scholarship Applications

- 1) Brainstorm
 - a. Make a list of ideas and topics you would like to cover
 - b. Keep the ideas short
 - c. Use a thesaurus
- 2) Make a timeline of your educational goals
 - a. Where did you come from?
 - b. Where are you now?
 - c. Where do you want to be?
- 3) Think about the following questions and if they would be relevant to include in your essay:
 - a. What is an activity/experience that has helped you decide your long-term academic goals?
 - b. Who is a person who has influenced you and your goals?
 - c. In five years, where do you see yourself working and what do you envision yourself doing?
 - d. Where did you grow up (focus on community) and how has that shaped your goals?
 - e. What ideas, theories or movements have influenced you and your beliefs?
 - f. What types of obstacles have you overcome/are trying to overcome?
 - g. What mistakes have you made that you've learned from, and how does education help?
 - h. What do you expect to achieve by attaining a degree at the college?
 - i. What kind of contribution do you want to make to yourself, your community, your college, the world?
 - j. When did you first become interested in your field of study and why?
- 4) Edit
 - a. Proofread
 - b. Set aside, read again before submission.