

Leigh Genasevich Memorial Scholarship: Essay Rubric

Points: _____ + _____ + _____ + _____ + _____ + _____ + _____ = _____

#	Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics	Language and Style	Organization and Content Development	Focus and Purpose			
				Education	Christian Walk	Future Plans	Evidence
10 9	*Essentially error free *Highly readable *Excellent flow	*Meaningful variety in sentence constructs *Dynamic vocabulary *Expressive voice	*Introduction inviting with solid thesis *Conclusion leaves the reader satisfied *Paragraphs well developed *Excellent transitions	*Discusses multiple aspects of educational experiences beyond solely academic areas *Provides details of how their education has impacted and will continue to impact their life	*Clearly articulates sound Christian faith *Provides multiple details of how their faith impacts their life	*Clearly articulates multiple reasons for future goals *Definitively explains how their education and faith impact these future plans	*Provides multiple fitting examples to support ALL aspects of Focus and Purpose subtopics
8 7	*Few errors *Readable *Good flow	*Good sentence variety *Skillful vocabulary *Strong voice	*Introduction previews topics, but not inviting *Conclusion restates main points, but not satisfying *Logical paragraphs with some development *Smooth transitions	*Discusses a few aspects of educational experiences *Provides a few details about how their education has impacted their life	*Clearly articulates a sound Christian faith *Provides only 1 or 2 details about how their faith impacts their life	*Clearly articulates 1 or 2 reasons for their goals *Implies that their faith and education has had an impact on these goals but doesn't explain how	*Provides multiple fitting examples to support SOME aspects of Focus and Purpose subtopics
6 5	*Multiple errors *Flow is interrupted, but essay is still easy to read	*Limited sentence variety *Acceptable vocabulary *Suitable voice	*Introduction states main topic only *Conclusion restates topics and ends *Functional paragraphs *Choppy transitions	*Only discusses educational experience in general terms *No details provided on the impact of their education on their life	*Clear understanding of the Christian Faith *No details provided about the impact of their faith on their life	*Expresses clear aspirations for the future but provides no reasons for them *Some idea of how their education AND faith have an impact on their future	*Provides ONE fitting example to support EACH subtopic under Focus and Purpose heading
4 3	*Numerous errors *Distracting but not hard to read	*Flawed sentence variety *Limited vocabulary *Acceptable voice	*Introduction inadequate *Conclusion inadequate *Paragraphs lack development *No transitions	*Limited view of educational experience provided *No details provided on the impact of their education on their life	*Unclear understanding of the Christian Faith *No details provided about the impact of their faith on their life	*Unclear about future goals but has a vague direction in mind *Some idea of how education OR faith have an impact on their future	*Provides ONE fitting example to support SOME aspects of Focus and Purpose subtopics
2 1 0	*Serious errors *Difficult to read	*Simplistic sentence variety *Basic vocabulary *No voice apparent	*Lacks an Introduction and/or a Conclusion *Paragraphs lack structure *No transitions	*No discussion of their educational experience	*Uncertain of Christian Faith	*No goals provided *No discussion of the impact of their education and/or faith on their future	*Provides no support, examples, or evidence for ANY aspects of Focus and Purpose subtopics

Student: _____