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Scholarship Essay Scoring Rubric

This rubric is used when evaluating essay responses in scholarship applications submitted through AwardSpring.

Quality				Quality Points	Content				Content Points
0 points	1-2 points	3-4 points	5 points		0 points	1-4 points	5-7 points	8-10 points	
Does not address prompt; or shows no or little thought; or poor grammar and structure impede understanding.	May overlook aspects of prompt; or examples/reasoning are missing or insufficient; or grammar and structure interfere with understanding.	Addresses most aspects of prompt but may not provide clarity or fully develop examples/reasoning. Grammar and structure do not interfere with understanding.	Addresses all aspects of prompt. Provides concrete examples or thoughtful reasoning. Writing is clear with proper grammar and structure and is easy to read.	Assigned Points for the Quality of this essay. (0-5)	No personal experience or examples related to prompt content; content is not addressed.	Little personal experience or examples related to prompt content; or response demonstrates weak personal experience or examples.	Personal experience or examples present for most of content of prompt. Response demonstrates adequate but not strong personal experience or examples.	Personal experience or examples present for all content of prompt. Response demonstrates strong personal experience or examples.	Assigned Points for the Strength of the Content of this essay. (0-10)