

2023 Annual Scholars Academy Essay Evaluation Rubric

Essay Question:

Why should you be selected to receive the Akron Urban League Scholarship? 500-600 words, 12 point, Times New Roman font and double spaced.

	5 EXCEPTIONAL	4 GREAT	3 AVERAGE	2 POOR
ORGANIZATION	<p>Essay is well organized with progression of ideas, linking ideas to supporting points from start to finish. Includes sophisticated transitions and conveys relationships between ideas and paragraphs.</p> <p>Strong introductory paragraph, supporting paragraph, and concluding paragraph.</p>	<p>Essay shows clear organization with appropriate transitions.</p> <p>Pretty good introductory paragraph, supporting paragraphs and concluding paragraph</p>	<p>Essay shows organization and the majority of transitions are appropriate.</p> <p>An introductory paragraph, with paragraphs that partially support the paragraph, and concluding paragraph</p>	<p>Essay lacks clear organization and inconsistent transitions.</p> <p>Lacks introductory paragraph, supporting paragraphs and/or a concluding paragraph</p>
DEVELOPMENT	<p>Clear focus maintained for the intended audience. A strong development of the topic for narrative/descriptive writing.</p> <p>Provides strong use of examples, evidence or relevant details by using analogies or anecdotes.</p>	<p>Effective focus maintained for the intended audience. Appropriate development of the topic for narrative/descriptive writing.</p> <p>Provides a sufficient use of examples, evidence or relevant details by using some use of analogies or anecdotes.</p>	<p>Some evidence of focus for the intended audience. Limited development of the topic.</p> <p>Provides some use of examples, evidence, and supporting details. Provides some use of analogies, or anecdotes.</p>	<p>Lacks or has an unclear focus for the intended audience. Lacks development of a topic for narrative or descriptive writing.</p> <p>Lacks sufficient examples, evidence or supporting details. Lacks few or no analogies or anecdotes.</p>
SUPPORT	<p>Identifies at least three reasons and provides specific examples of skills, strengths, and/or personal qualities to receive the scholarship</p>	<p>Identifies two reasons and provides specific examples of skills, strengths, and/or personal qualities to receive the scholarship</p>	<p>Identifies one reason and provides some examples of skills, strengths, and/or personal qualities to receive the scholarship</p>	<p>Lacks reasons and provides limited or no specific examples of skills, strengths, and/or personal qualities to receive the scholarship</p>
MECHANICS/ GRAMMAR AND SENTENCE USAGE	<p>Vivid, specific and intentional word choices and grammar usage. Consistent grammar usage. May have very few minor errors with punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.</p> <p>Needs little to no editing.</p>	<p>Specific, clear meaning, connotative word choices and grammar usages. Mostly consistent grammar usage.</p> <p>Few errors with punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.</p>	<p>Appropriate but redundant or simplistic, limited word choices and grammar usages. Several inconsistencies in grammar usages.</p> <p>Frequent errors in punctuation, capitalization, and/or spelling.</p>	<p>Inadequate, repetitive or inappropriate word choice and grammar usage. Frequent or distracting inconsistencies in grammar usage.</p> <p>Consistent punctuation, capitalization or spelling errors.</p> <p>Impedes readability.</p>

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Candidate's Name:

Date of Review:

Name of Reviewer(s):

Rubric Indicator(s)	Score	Comments
Organization		
Development		
Support		
Mechanics/ Grammar and Sentence Usage		
Total Points: _____		