

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY OUTLINE

Need to write a scholarship essay?

Here is a basic outline that you can follow to help write an award-winning essay.

1. Introductory Sentence
 - a. State your full-name
 - b. State the name of the scholarship you are applying for.
2. Educational Objectives & Goals
 - a. State your major & why you selected it
 - b. State future goals
3. Brief Background
 - a. Tell about yourself
 - b. Give specific examples of your character
 - c. Highlight your interests including volunteer work & experience
4. Need
 - a. State why you need this scholarship
 - b. State how this scholarship will help you.
5. Conclusion
 - a. Highlight an item or two from your essay.
 - b. Thank the judges (optional)

Sample Scholarship Essay Outline

- I. Introduction
 - a. Who are you?
 - i. What do you value?
 - b. Where are you from?
- II. **Obstacle**
 - a. What has been a significant challenge in your life?
 - b. How did you overcome this to attend college?
- III. **Educational and Career Goals**
 - a. What are your current educational goal(s)?
 - i. What is the purpose of attending college to you?
 - ii. Why did you choose this field of study?
 - iii. How will a scholarship help you achieve your educational goals?
 - b. What are your long-term career goal(s)?
 - i. What can/will you do with your degree?
 - ii. How will a scholarship help you achieve your long-term career goals?
- IV. **Native Community**
 - a. What is your community involvement?
 - i. What extracurricular/volunteer activities do you do?
 - ii. What do you do with your free time?
 - b. How will your education affect your local community?
 - i. What skills/knowledge will you gain from your education that you can use to help your community?
 - ii. How do you plan to reciprocate the support and knowledge that you received from your community?
- V. **Conclusion**
 - a. Briefly weave together your story
 - b. Restate how a scholarship would help you attain your goals

Remember to answer EACH of the three questions and DON'T FORGET TO CHECK SPELLING AND GRAMMAR!
