The Scholarship Essay

Scholarship essays are one of the most important aspects of a scholarship application. After reviewing numerous applications where all students are qualified, the one item that distinguishes applicants is the scholarship essay.

Essay Preparation

- Read and Reread the instructions of the scholarship essay. Know exactly what you need to include.
- Create your personal profile. Write down a list of all of the following information:
  - All of your Accomplishments, highlighting those that you are most proud of.
  - Your personal profile (degree, GPA, classification, etc.).
  - A challenge that you have faced and overcame.
  - Career goals and why you want to attend college.
  - Pretend you had to write a recommendation for yourself. Write down the three most important things you would say.

Writing the Essay

- Organize your thoughts and think about what you will be writing.
- Create an outline based on every aspect required by the scholarship.
- Create your essay by elaborating on all points of the outline.
- Review for any grammatical errors and corrections.
- Have someone proofread your essay.
- Take a break, and do a final review.

Essay Tips and Tricks

- Read and Re-read the essay statement.
  Make sure you know exactly what your essay should be about.

- Make the start of your essay engaging.
  Capturing the attention of the scholarship collection committee will help convince the judges that it is a worthwhile investment to support you.

- Use Keywords seen in the scholarship statement.
  Using some of the keywords shown throughout the scholarship statements further aligns your essay with the requirements of the scholarship.

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