

## Essay Evaluation

Your essay is a vital part to the rating of your application. Your essay should be a short, 400 - 450 word, typewritten essay based on the appropriate Essay Prompt.

Please make sure your name appears on the top page of your essay. Keep in mind that your essay will be available to donors who wish to know more about you and your scholastic plans and career goals.

Remember, everything in your writing should make sense to the reader. We encourage you to submit your essay based on the following rubric.

FOCUS:

Your essay is based on the correct Essay Prompt and your essay has a single, clear central idea. Each paragraph should support or expand on the central idea.

UNITY:

Each paragraph in the essay should be related to the main idea.

COHERENCE:

Your essay is organized logically and flows smoothly.

CREATIVITY:

Your essay shows some personality and individuality of the author.

CORRECTNESS:

Your essay should be written in correct standard English, with complete sentences and be error free.

## ESSAY RATING

**1 – OUTSTANDING:** Focus, Unity, Coherence, Creativity, Correctness

**2 – VERY HIGH:** Focus, Coherence, Creativity, Correctness

**3 – AVERAGE:** Focus, Coherence, Correctness

**4 – WEAK:** Does not respond to the correct essay prompt and/or is extremely short. Several spelling and/or grammatical errors. Shows very little effort.

**5 – VERY POOR:** Does not respond to the correct essay prompt and/or is extremely short. Several spelling and/or grammatical errors. Shows NO effort.