

Scoring Rubric - Points

Essay Prompt - up to 3 points

Essay : Content Score			
Disqualification from Scholarship Consideration (0 Points)	Below expectations (1 Point)	Satisfactory (2 Points)	Strong (3 Points)
• Student skipped or gave no answer to the prompt.	• Insufficient or unclear information provided; does not effectively address the prompt.	• Addresses the criteria but may lack depth or detail.	• Fully addresses the criteria with clear, thoughtful, and specific responses.
	• Response is vague or incomplete.	• A few sentences of the essay came across as genuine and specific to the individual.	• Essay came across as genuine and specific to the individual.

There is not a minimum amount a student can write

Essays are capped at 800 words and students were encouraged to use at least 4 sentences.

Essay Grammar & Spelling: – up to 3 points

Essay: Grammar & Spelling		
Below expectations (1 Point)	Meets expectations (2 Points)	Exceeds expectations (3 Points)
• Significant grammatical errors, spelling mistakes, or punctuation errors; sentences are poorly constructed and difficult to follow.	• Some minor grammatical errors or issues with spelling and punctuation; sentences may be awkwardly phrased.	• Free of grammatical errors, spelling mistakes, and punctuation errors; sentences are well-constructed.

The essay prompt score is evaluated *without considering grammar, punctuation, spelling, or proofreading*. Grammar is scored separately under the grammar and spelling points