



SCHOLARSHIPS

Changing Lives

Scholarship Essay Tips

PARAGRAPH 1

Please describe in at least 7-10 sentences your financial need for the upcoming academic year and plans for covering the costs as well as any circumstances affecting your need for financial assistance.

Examples:

- Explain your current financial situation, as well as any special circumstances.
- How are you covering everyday expenses?
- Is your family able to support you financially? If so, explain how and to what extent.
- How will receiving scholarship assistance help your education goals?

PARAGRAPH 2

In 7-10 sentences, describe your academic/career goals and plans for achieving them. Include your prospective degree/certificate and time for completion. How will your educational goals, once attained, impact your life?

Examples:

- Are you the first in your family to attend college?
- What inspired you to pursue the degree/certificate you are currently majoring in?
- Explain your timeline in reaching your academic goal.
- Explain what career success looks like to you and how you plan to use your degree after graduating.

PARAGRAPH 3

In 7-10 sentences, describe your employment or extra-curricular activities (military service, church, friends, family, clubs/organizations, athletic teams, etc.) or your volunteer community service experience.

Examples:

- Are you working? Explain what a day in your job is like. How do you show leadership skills in your position?
- Do you volunteer in the community? If so, explain what you do and what inspired you to serve your community.
- Are you involved in any student organizations? If so, explain to what extent and why you chose to be involved.
- Explain how a positive or negative experience shaped your leadership skills.

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