



Philip Severe
Success Counselor

Scholarships

Free \$\$\$

Don't have to pay it back

West Valley offers a yearly scholarship for

Scholarship Essay

Introduction

Grab the reader's attention.

- *I am the first in my family to go to college.*

Introduce yourself to the committee/provide basic background information about yourself.

- *My family moved from Mexico to the United States when I was 4 years old.*

Scholarship Avenue

Challenges/Obstacles

Share examples of obstacles you have overcome or challenges you are currently facing.

Provide specific information:

- *In addition to being enrolled as a full time student, I also work 20 hours a week.*
- *I struggled in high school and didn't do well academically because...*

What did you learn from those experiences?

How have those experiences affected or changed your life?

Scholarship Essay

Meaningful Volunteer, Leadership, Work Experience

If you prefer, you can write about any volunteer, leadership, or work experience that has been significant in your life.

Provide specific information:

- I volunteer at Pacific Care Clinic , a clinic that offers free medical services for children, every Saturday morning.
- As the president of the Black Student Union Club at West Valley College, I have discovered I have a passion for public service.

What did you learn from those experiences?

How have those experiences affected or changed your life?

Scholarship Essay

Career Goals

What is your career goal?

- I want to be a high school History teacher.

Include detailed information about what you want to do (and why).

If you are debating between 2 careers, let them know

Scholarship Essay

Educational Goals

What is your educational goal?

- *I want to earn a bachelor's degree in communications and then obtain a master's degree in social work.*

Include detailed information about what you want to do (and why).

Include what schools you are considering transferring to in the future.

Did any volunteer/leadership experiences help you discover your interest in this major?

If you find it's more convenient, you can combine your career and educational goals into one paragraph.

Scholarship Essay

Conclusion

Answer Scholarship Question(s)

Summarize the main points of your essay.

Why are you such a great candidate for this scholarship?

Remind them why it's so important for you to go to college.

Why do you feel it is so important for you to get a degree?

How will you give back to the community?

Explain why you need the money.

- How would this scholarship help you?

Brainstorm

Take a moment to fill out some of the bullets on the back side of your handout

Paragraph 1:

First Lines

*Let Me Introduce Myself:
First Lines From the
Application Essays of Stanford's Newest Class.*

