

# SCHOLARSHIP ESSAYS

## FINANCIAL ESSAY (SHORTER RESPONSE)

**Provide information regarding your financial situation including current employment, scholarships you have received, and special circumstances or hardships relevant to your financial need.**

Write 1 paragraph that starts off with a topic sentence followed by 5-8 well-developed supporting sentences.

Do some prewriting by answering the following questions:

- How are you paying for college?
- What are your financial needs?
- Do you work a full-time or part-time job?
- Do you or have you had financial circumstances or hardships that would make it hard to pay for college?

## EDUCATIONAL ESSAY (LONGER RESPONSE)

**Describe why you chose your area of study, what your career goals are, and how a scholarship will help you achieve your goals.**

Write 3 paragraphs (1 for each of the topics in the prompt above). Start each paragraph with a topic sentence and follow it up with 5-8 well-developed supporting sentences.

Do some prewriting by answering the following questions:

**Paragraph 1 on your area of study:**

- What is your area of study?
- How did you learn about this field, and what interests you about it?
- What are your motivations as a student?
- What do you hope to learn in your program at NWTC?

**Paragraph 2 on your career goals:**

- What possible jobs might you be able to hold in the future with this degree?

- What would be one or two of your dream jobs related to your area of study?
- How will having these jobs impact your family and life?
- Where do you see yourself 5, 10, or 20 years from now?

**Paragraph 3 on how a scholarship will help you:**

- How meaningful will getting a scholarship be to you?
- How will a scholarship help you in your academic, professional, and personal life?
- What obstacles have you had in your previous educational experience, and how did you overcome them?

**Tips:**

- Make your essays real and personable. Give specific examples and experiences from your life that help to explain who you are as an individual.
- Stay on track with the essay topic. Having a clear topic sentence at the beginning of each paragraph will help you do so.
- Don't write about what you think you should write about. Instead, focus on what you really care about, the things that have impacted you or have mattered to you most.
- Write with certainty about yourself and your goals. Be confident.
- Check, double-check, and triple-check for grammar, mechanics, and spelling. Then have someone else help you check again.