

## Scholarship Essay Outline

### I. Introductory Sentence

- a. State your name.
- b. State the name of the scholarship for which you are applying.

### II. Educational Objectives and Career Goals

- a. Identify your major.
- b. Explain why you selected it.
- c. How will this degree impact your career plans?
- d. What are your future plans?

### III. Brief Background

- a. Tell about yourself.
- b. How did you get to where you are today?
- c. What is important to you?
- d. Give concrete examples that reflect your character and your strengths.
- e. Include extracurricular interests: volunteer work, hobbies, things that make you stand out or are unusual.

### IV. Need

- a. Why do you need a scholarship?
- b. How will it make a difference to you?

### V. Conclusion

- a. Wrap it up with a couple of sentences
- b. The ending should make your essay feel finished
- c. You can include how your education so far has made a difference to you
- d. You can thank the committee
- e. Avoid an ending that is too lofty or idealistic (I plan on changing the world when I finish.)