SUGGESTIONS FOR WRITING SCHOLARSHIP ESSAYS

Before you start writing your scholarship essay, here are a few tips to help you craft your submission:

1. Give Yourself Plenty of Time
   - Don’t procrastinate!
   - Allow yourself time to write, review, and edit your essay.
   - Plan to submit at least one day ahead of the deadline.

2. Discuss Your Accomplishments
   - Be clear, concise, and to the point.
   - Give specific examples.
   - Don’t brag or over-sell yourself.

3. Clearly Articulate Your Need
   - What is your financial situation?
   - Do you work?
   - Do you receive support from your family?
   - Do you receive financial aid?

4. Keep it Simple
   - Avoid the use of filler words.
   - Write as clearly and concisely as possible.
   - Don’t include unnecessary information just to “fill the space.”

5. Make it Easy on Your Reader
   - Ask a trusted friend, family member, or colleague to read your essay for clarity.
   - Write using complete sentences and paragraphs.
   - Run a spelling and grammar check.
   - Carefully review to ensure words are used correctly (e.g., to/too/two, or there/their/they’re, etc).

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