

## **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).