

TIPS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY APPLICATION FORMS

Scholarship application forms often require written responses in the form of an essay or an experience profile. The written piece allows you to show the value and deeper significance of your experiences.

Sample Questions:

Use this sample list of questions to practise. They are drawn from a variety of different types of scholarship forms. Always write in full sentences; point-form answers are to be avoided unless specifically requested by the scholarship sponsor.

- What is your long-term goal? Please explain how your academic progress has contributed to this goal.
- What is your most significant achievement and why?
- What are your hobbies and why do you enjoy them?
- What kinds of creative work have you done? (include music, art, computers, essays, or poetry)
- Write a brief paragraph about the most inspiring book you've ever read. What was special about it?
- What magazines do you read regularly? Explain why.
- What's one childhood experience that inspired you to become what you are today?
- Who is one of your role models? Explain why.

If you are able to write on a topic of your choice, remember to:

- Choose a topic that is not overdone or too controversial.
- Choose a personally relevant topic that allows you to draw on personal experiences to make your point.
- Avoid gimmicky topics unless creativity is explicitly recommended.

Students must be thoughtful and thorough in their responses. Remember that whatever the topic, the key is to show your personal attributes and experience to make an impression on the scholarship committee. Excellence in this portion of the application is necessary in order for your application to make it to the short list.