

Community Foundation DeKalb County
2023 Scholarship Application and Essay Score Rubric

	45 Points Possible	Criteria	
GPA	5	12 Point Average 5 = A+ 12.0 or higher 4 = A 11.0 - 11.9 3 = A- 10.0 - 10.9 2 = B+ 9.0 - 9.9 1 = B 8.0 - 8.9 0 = B- or below (7.9 or below)	4 Point Average 5 = A+ 4.0 or higher 4 = A 3.7 - 3.9 3 = A- 3.4 - 3.6 2 = B+ 3.1 - 3.3 1 = B 3.0 - 2.7 0 = B- or below (2.9 or below)
SAT or ACT Scores	5	5 = 1400 - 1600 SAT Total / 32 - 36 ACT Composite 4 = 1210 - 1390 SAT Total / 27 - 31 ACT Composite 3 = 1020 - 1200 SAT Total / 22 - 26 ACT Composite 2 = 820 - 1010 SAT Total / 17 - 21 ACT Composite 1 = 810 and below SAT Total / 16 and below ACT Composite 0 = No Test Score	
School Activities	5	5 = Held 4 or more leadership positions and/or participated in at least 5 activities 4 = Held 3 leadership positions and/or participated in at least 4 activities 3 = Held 2 leadership positions and/or participated in at least 3 activities 2 = Held 1 leadership position and/or participated in at least 2 activities 1 = Member in activities, no leadership positions 0 = No school activities	
Community Service/ Work Experience	10	10 = Student has multi-year involvement with one or more community organizations and/or work experience. 5 = Student has one year of involvement with at least one community organization and/or a small amount of work experience. (Such as a short-term job.) 0 = Student has had no involvement with community organizations and/or has no work experience.	

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<p style="text-align: center;">Essay- Content</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	<p>10-9 Points (Excellent): Content is compelling to the reader Addresses all parts of the questions Eloquenty explains their goals and ambitions Demonstrates an authentic passion for their field of study</p> <p>8-7 Points (Good) Sufficient effort and detail Adequately describes their goals and ambitions Demonstrates moderate enthusiasm for their field of study</p> <p>6-5 Points (Fair): Few supporting details Explains their goals and ambitions Shows some interest in their field of study</p> <p>4-3 Points (Poor) Goals and ambitions are somewhat unclear Unclear level of interest in their field of study</p> <p>2-0 Points (Very Poor): Does not address the topic Has little or no inclusion of goals and ambitions Gives little to no indication of interest in their chosen field</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Essay- Grammar & Structure</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	<p>10-9 Points (Excellent): Well written and very organized Excellent grammar mechanics and concise statements Excellent efforts and presentation with detail</p> <p>8-7 Points (Good) Writes fairly clearly Good grammar mechanics Good presentation and organization</p> <p>6-5 Points (Fair): Minimal effort Fair grammar mechanics Fair presentation</p> <p>4-3 Points (Poor) Somewhat unclear Shows little effort, not organized Poor grammar mechanics Confusing and choppy, incomplete sentences</p> <p>2-0 Points (Very Poor): Lack of effort Very poor grammar mechanics Very unclear Lack of attempt</p>