

2025 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

Community Foundation DeKalb County

Application Rubric

Project Name

Enter your first and last initial, and the last 4 numbers of your phone number. This applicant ID will follow your application throughout the process.

Example

Name: John Smith

Phone Number: 555-5555

Applicant ID: JS5555

Character Limit: 100

GPA (Academic Achievement)*

5= A+ (12.0 or higher / 4.0 or higher)

4= A (11.0 - 11.9 / 3.7 - 3.9)

3= A- (10.0 - 10.9 / 3.4 - 3.6)

2= B+ (9.0 - 9.9 / 3.1 - 3.3)

1= B (8.0 - 8.9 / 3.0 - 3.2)

0= B- or below (7.9 or below / 2.9 or below)

Scoring Options: 0 - 5

Class Rank (Academic Achievement)*

5= 1st - 2nd

4= 3rd - 5th

3= 6th - 10th

2= 11th - 15th

1= 16th and up

Scoring Options: 1 - 5

SAT or ACT Scores (Academic Achievement)*

7= 1490-1600 SAT Total / 34-36 ACT Composite

6= 1360-1480 SAT Total / 31-33 ACT Composite

5= 1250-1350 SAT Total / 28-30 ACT Composite

4= 1130-1240 SAT Total / 25-27 ACT Composite

3= 1020-1120 SAT Total / 22-24 ACT Composite

2= 900-1010 SAT Total / 19-21 ACT Composite

1= 890 and below SAT Total / 18 and below ACT Composite

0= No test score

Scoring Options: 0 - 7

Activities (Leadership Activities in High School)*

- 5= Held 8 or more leadership positions
- 4= Held 5-7 leadership positions
- 3= Held 2-4 leadership positions
- 2= Held 1 leadership position
- 1= Held member roles in activities, no leadership positions
- 0= No school activities

Scoring Options: 0 - 5

Community Service*

- Multi-year involvement with one community organization or involvement with a variety of organizations.
- Evidence of consistent community service, i.e. 1 year =12+ volunteer hours/days.
- Shows a committed relationship or frequent occurrences with multiple organizations.

- 5= Volunteered consistently for 4 or more organizations (or) 4 years with 1 organization
- 4= Volunteered consistently for 3 organizations (or) 3 years with 1 organization
- 3= Volunteered consistently for 2 organizations (or) 2 years with 1 organization
- 2= Volunteered consistently for 1 organization for at least 1 year
- 1= Volunteered consistently for 1 or more organizations on a short-term basis
- 0= No community service

Scoring Options: 0 - 5

Employment - Internship*

Ability to balance work and/or an internship with academic achievement and community service.

- 3= Work experience with one employer for more than one year AND internship experience
- 2= Work experience for less than one year AND internship experience
- 1= Work experience OR internship experience
- 0= No work or internship experience

Scoring Options: 0 - 3

Essay Rubric

Essay*

The reviewer may deduct points if the applicant did not follow directions. This includes using identifying information, such as names, in your essay.

Excellent (10-9):

- Well written and very organized
- Excellent grammar mechanics and concise statements
- Excellent effort and presentation with detail
- Demonstrates a thorough understanding of the topic
- The essay is compelling to the reader
- All parts of the questions are addressed

Good (8-7):

- Writes fairly clearly
- Good grammar mechanics
- Good presentation and organization
- Sufficient effort and detail

Fair (6-5):

- Minimal effort
- Fair grammar mechanics
- Fair presentation
- Few supporting details

Poor (4-3):

- Somewhat unclear
- Shows little effort
- Poor grammar mechanics
- Confusing and choppy
- Incomplete sentences
- No organized thoughts

Very poor (2-0):

- Lack of effort
- Very poor grammar mechanics
- Very unclear
- The essay does not address the questions/topic
- Lack of attempt

Scoring Options: 0 - 10

