

## Headwaters Foundation

### Scholarship RENEWAL Application Rubric, 2023

	EXCELLENT (4)	STRONG (3)	GOOD (2)	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT (1)	NOTES
<b>Academic Achievement</b>	School GPA is 3.5 or higher.	School GPA is between 3.0 - 3.4.	School GPA is between a 2.5 - 2.9.	School GPA is below 2.5.	
<b>Extracurricular Participation and/or employment (or explanation of extenuating circumstances preventing student from participating in such activities)</b>	Student participated in several personally meaningful activities and/or had a steady job.	Student participated in one or more personally meaningful extracurricular activities and/or had a steady job.	Student participated in one extracurricular activity, but the activity was not shown to be a large part of the student's life and/or the student did not have a steady job.	Student did not participate in extracurricular activities and did not work. There was no reason given for not participating in such activities.	<i>**Students who did not participate in extracurricular activities and who did not hold a steady job may explain any extenuating circumstances that prevented them from being involved in these types of activities.</i>
<b>Application Presentation</b>	The application is well-structured and easy to read. Application has few errors of spelling, grammar, and/or sentence structure.	The application has a few problems with spelling, grammar, and sentence structure, but is hampered by some ineffective organization and presentation.	The application has several errors of spelling, grammar, and sentence structure, and/or is hampered by many aspects of its general organization and presentation.	The application has numerous errors of spelling, grammar, and sentence structure, and/or it is greatly hampered by its general organization and presentation.	
<b>Scholarship Essay Content</b>	The essay responded to the questions with consistent clarity and focus.	The essay responded to the questions with some clarity and focus.	The essay partially responded to the questions with only some clarity and focus.	The essay did not adequately respond to the questions.	

<b>Financial Need, based on FAFSA score and student's explanation of need</b>	The student demonstrates great need for financial assistance.	The student demonstrates some need for financial assistance.	The student demonstrates minimal financial need.	The student does not demonstrate any financial need.	<i>**Please be certain to consider the student's explanation of need aside from the FAFSA score. Financial need is not required for all scholarships</i>
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<b><u>FUNDING KEY</u></b>	<b><u>SCORE</u></b>
Fund at same amount as previous year	14 or higher
Partially fund	Between 10 and 13
No funding	9 or less

NOTE: Decisions are subject to Headwaters' available funding for that year. If funding is limited, financial need and academic achievement should be prioritized over other categories.