

10 most common SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY TOPICS

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THESE 10 PROMPTS ACCOUNTED FOR
OVER 90% OF ALL ESSAY PROMPTS

1

How will this scholarship help you?

2

How have you contributed to your community?
(or other community service question)

3

Tell us about yourself.
(or generic personal statement request)

4

Tell us about a time you failed and what you learned from it.

5

What are your academic and/or career goals?

6

What impact has sports had on your life?
(or other athletics-related question)

7

Why do you deserve this scholarship?

8

Tell us about a time when you had a belief or idea challenged.
[Similar to Common App prompt #3]

9

How are you unique? (Discuss your background, identity, interest, or talent)
[Similar to Common App prompt #1]

10

Why do you want to study/pursue [X]?
(For instance: science, nursing, medicine, computer science)

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