

2026 Scholarship Application Essay Questions

Instructions: There are three essay questions for students to complete below. Please read all questions before beginning your responses. Each essay question has multiple questions within it. Your essay response should answer all parts of each question. Please take your time in sharing thoughtful responses to these questions in your own voice.

We recommend drafting your responses in a separate document. Each question has a maximum word limit of 700 words. Students are not required to use the full word limit.

Scholarship Review Volunteers don't have access to view student responses to certain questions previously answered above, so your essays are your chance to tell the review volunteers who you are. The essay questions are scored based on content and are weighted heavily in the review process.

Academic and Career Goals Essay

1. Please tell us about your academic and professional goals. 2. What are your plans for achieving them? 3. What has your journey been like so far? 4. What are your next steps? 5. How and why did you choose these goals/this career path? If you haven't yet decided, you may write about the possibilities that currently appeal to you and what you hope to gain from your experience at Olympic College in your journey to discovering your goals.

Financial Need Essay

1. Tell us about how you have funded your education thus far (if applicable) and how you plan to fund your education moving forward. 2. What information would you like the scholarship selection committee to know about your financial circumstances? 3. What impact would a scholarship from Olympic College Foundation have on your ability to achieve your educational goals?

Community Engagement Essay

1. Please tell us about your involvement within your community. 2. What has your community given to you? 3. How do you like to give back to your community? 4. How has this involvement impacted you? Your community can include your family, friends, school, neighborhood, church, service organizations, clubs, businesses, nonprofits, government organizations, and more. Your involvement can include work experience, volunteer experience, participation in community activities, etc.