

SUNY Niagara Scholarship Essay Writing Tips

Write a 2-page (or less) double-spaced typed essay.

This written essay is used for all scholarship applications.

The most important feature of your essay is the subject matter. When you begin to brainstorm subject ideas consider the following points:

- It's all about YOU! This is your chance to talk about who you are and what you have done in your life thus far that has made you the person you are today. You may include why you feel you would be a good candidate for scholarships.
- Discuss your personal and professional goals and mention how specific events have helped get you to where you are today.
- Incorporate any volunteer, community, or extracurricular activities that you have been involved with in addition to internships or jobs if relevant.
- Outline any specific interests you have had that relate to your intended major.
- If you've had to overcome any adversity, talk about it, but don't exaggerate. An example would be talking about the most difficult time in your life, and how it impacted your life.
- Explain why you need financial assistance and what you would do with the scholarship money if awarded.
- End with a convincing conclusion thanking the committee for their time, etc.
- Use good grammar * double check your spelling * Proofread!
- Lastly, have someone else proofread!

Feel free to drop by the Foundation/Scholarship Office located within the Foundation Office (A-201) during regular business hours to have it proofread!

Happy Essay Writing!