

This guide is designed to help you respond to the scholarship application prompts. Each section includes the question, guidance on how to write a strong response, and starter phrases to help you begin.

Remember: Each response must be a minimum of 300 words.

Prompt 1 – Goals & Preparation

Question: What are your future goals, and how do you see college helping you reach them? Share one strength that will help you succeed and one area you're working to improve.

Guidance (300+ words):

- Explain both your short-term and long-term goals.
- Connect those goals to how college will support you.
- Give examples of a personal strength and how it will help you.
- Be honest about an area you'd like to improve, and show how you're working on it.
- Combine vision (your goals) with self-awareness (your strengths and growth areas).

Starter Phrases:

- One of my biggest goals for the future is...
- I see myself working toward a career in...
- In the long run, I hope to...

- College will help me achieve this by...
- Through college, I want to gain the knowledge and experience to...

- To prepare for this next step, I have already...
- Right now, I'm building skills by...

- These experiences have taught me that...
- Looking back, I can see how these efforts connect directly to my goals for the future.

Prompt 2 – Strengths & Areas to Improve

Question: Thinking about your educational and career goals, tell us about:

- A strength that will help you succeed
- An area you need to improve, and the steps you're taking to work on it

Guidance (300+ words):

- Highlight one of your biggest strengths and explain how it supports your goals.
- Be honest about an area you find challenging.
- Show maturity by explaining how you're working to improve this challenge.
- Strong answers balance confidence with self-awareness.

Starter Phrases:

- One of my strengths that will help me in college is...
- People often describe me as ____, and I know this will help me because...
- A skill I've developed that will support my success is...

- Something I still struggle with is...
- One area I want to grow in is...
- I've noticed that ____ can sometimes get in the way, so I'm working on it by...

- Together, these qualities show that I can succeed if I keep building on...
- Even though I'm still improving in ____, I know my strength in ____ will help balance this out.

Prompt 3 – Challenges & Growth

Question: Describe a challenge you've faced and how you dealt with it. What did you learn from the experience, and has it shaped your goals for the future?

Guidance (300+ words):

- Choose a meaningful challenge (personal, family, academic, or community related).
- Focus on what you did to respond to the challenge, not just the problem itself.
- Reflect on what you learned about yourself.
- Show how that experience changed the way you approach your goals or decisions.

Starter Phrases:

- One of the biggest challenges I've faced was...
- A time I had to overcome difficulty was when...
- An obstacle that really tested me was...

- To handle this situation, I decided to...
- I worked through it by...
- Even though it was hard, I managed it by...

- From this experience, I learned...
- This challenge showed me the importance of...
- Overcoming this helped me realize that I can...

- Because of this challenge, I now want to...
- This experience influenced my goals by...
- It shaped the way I think about my future because...

How Your Answers Will Be Reviewed

Your answers will be reviewed on how clearly you stay on topic, explain your ideas, stay organized, and give enough detail to show your point of view. Think of it as telling your story in a clear and complete way.
