Criteria	Outstanding	Exceeds Expectations	Satisfactory	Attempted	Not Attempted	Total
Academic Engagement	(8-7) Academic experiences that far exceed basic graduation requirements. Participation in multiple academic related activities/clubs/organizations. Adequately describes involvement.	(6-5) Academic experiences that moderately exceed basic graduation requirements. Limited participation in academic related activities/clubs/organizations. Brief description of involvement.	(4-3) Academic experiences that exceed basic graduation requirements. No participation in academic related activities/ clubs/ organizations No description of involvement.	(2-1) Meets basic graduation requirements. No participation in academic related activities/clubs/organiz ations	(0) Does not meet basic graduation requirements.	
Leadership Initiative & Extracurricular Commitment	(8-7) Balanced participation in extracurricular activities. Held a leadership role in multiple activities. Adequately describes involvement. Demonstrates meaningful commitment	(6-5) Some balanced participation in extracurricular activities. Held a leadership role in at least 1 activity. Includes basic descriptions of involvement. Demonstrates meaningful commitment	(4-3) Limited participation in extracurricular activities. No leadership roles OR leadership roles with no descriptions. Little meaningful commitment (no involvement lasting more than 1 year)	(2-1) Participated in 1 or less extra-curricular activities. No involvements lasting more than 1 year. No explanations.	(0) No involvement outside the classroom.	
Formatting & Grammar	(4) Well organized with headings and sections. Consistent formatting. No misspellings	(3) Mostly organized but no headings or sections. Consistent formatting. No misspellings	(2) No specific order Inconsistent formatting. Some misspellings	(1) No specific order No formatting Multiple misspellings	(0) Insufficient information	

PERSONAL STATEMENT (20 points)

Criteria	Outstanding	Exceeds Expectations	Satisfactory	Attempted	Not Attempted	Total
Goals and Scholarship Relevance	(8-7) Describes clear goals & strategies for achieving them. Detailed plan of how scholarship can help in pursuit of goals.	(6-5) Describes goals & how to achieve them. Addresses how scholarship can help.	(4-3) Describes goals & some idea of a plan to achieve them. Vague idea of how scholarship can help.	(2-1) Describes goals but not clear on how they plan to accomplish them.	(0) Unable to assess the applicant's goals, progress, mitigation of obstacles, or commitment.	
Passion and Interest	(8-7) Demonstrates excitement/passion in their area of study and career of interest. Details personal obstacle and/or financial need & plan. Elaborates on path.	(6-5) Demonstrates excitement in their area of study and career of interest. Addresses personal obstacle and/or financial need & plan. Shares reasoning behind their path.	(4-3) Demonstrates generalized interest in their area of study and career of interest. Vaguely describes path.	(2-1) Unclear about area of study and career of interest. Does not share why they have ended up where they are.	(0) Does not identify area of study or career of interest.	
Writing	(4) Clear, concise, and relevant.	(3) Clear, relatively concise, and relevant.	(2) Clear and relevant.	(1) Clear with some relevant information.	(0) Unclear, irrelevant.	

Overall ratings

17-20 points = ranking of 5

13-16 points = ranking of 4

8-12 points = ranking of 3

4-7 points = ranking of 2

1-3 points = ranking of 1

0 points = ranking of 0