**Writing a Scholarship Essay**

**TIP:** Research the organization/donor to increase your understanding of their mission and values. Try to incorporate these points in your essay. For example, the Rotary ideal is service. Highlight how you have served others throughout your HS career.

Read the scholarship essay requirements carefully. Be certain to address that which the donor requests.

**Paragraph 1:**

Brief Personal Introduction, Outline Program of Study, Length of Program, PostSecondary Institution, Plans after Degree/Diploma/Certificate, and Explain reason for career choice, Highlight any opportunities you have seized which relate to your program/career choice

**Paragraph 2:**

Discuss Academics (ie: Level 1 courses, Leadership, Cooperative Education if placement relates to post-secondary program, PIF), Highlight Academic Accomplishments (ie Rank in Grad Class, Principal's List/Honors, Thunder Wall of Fame, STEAM Award, Valedictorian/Salutatorian, etc)

**Paragraph 3:**

Discuss Extra-Curricular Involvement (in school, in community), Highlight Leadership Roles Held (ie Captain/Assistant Captain, Student Council Class Rep/Executive, Grad

Class Executive, Yearbook, Lead Role in Drama, Committee Chair, Sunday School

Teacher/Assistant, etc), Emphasize Leadership Conferences/Camps Attended (ie Mt Allison Leadership Camp, Encounters with Canada, Student Leadership Conference, etc), Highlight Extra-Curricular Awards (ie Athlete of the Month/Year, Provincial Champions, School Spirit Award, Royal Conservatory Grade, Music Festival Awards,

**Paragraph 4:**

Discuss Volunteer (unpaid) Efforts (in school, in community), Explain reason(s) for involvement

**Paragraph 5:**

Discuss Efforts to Fund Post-Secondary Education (ie part-time/summer employment, applying for scholarship/bursaries), Consider Explaining Special Circumstances Regarding Financing Post-Secondary Education (ie Dependents, Siblings Presently Enrolled in Post-Secondary Institutions, Caregivers' Employment Status), Thank the donor for considering you as a worthy applicant and ensure the donor any money awarded will be well invested and appreciated

**NOTE:** You might wish to highlight character traits of which you are particularly proud and provide examples of how you demonstrate such traits in your daily life (ie integrity, honesty, strong work ethic, etc).