

(20 pts) Approx. 3 days

For the remainder of our semester, the college work will focus on writing essays for future scholarships. During the spring semester, there are a wide range of scholarships that we'll apply to. Historically, Lathrop Engineering students do very well with these scholarships, and I think a large part of that is that we write the essays early on so that while your peers are stressing over scholarship applications, you can simply spend time putting things in envelopes. Good work and preparation now while your schedule is a little less hectic can make for great success next semester.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT WHEN WRITING SCHOLARSHIP ESSAYS:

1. **Spelling & Grammar Count!** As you write your essays, pay attention to the quality of your writing. You should be writing as well as you would if you wanted to impress Ms. Bouta, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Stoddard, and Mr. Brown. You've had a great writing education here at Lathrop, and now's the time to flex those muscles. *Write well*, and give yourself time to edit and revise.
2. **Word Count Counts!** If a wealthy donor wants to give money to college students, they want to give it to a college student that *cares*. To demonstrate that you care, you should always be within 95% of the allowed word count.
3. **SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY 3:** UAF/UA gives out a huge amount of scholarship money to incoming students that are active in school and their community. Below is the essay prompt for one such scholarship:



UA Activities Scholarship (475-500 words)

"Tell us about your activities outside of the classroom. This could include things like volunteer work, sports, clubs, leadership roles, family activities, hobbies, employment, or cultural activities."

4. **SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY 4:** UAF/UA also give out a large number of scholarships to people that have clear goals for where they are headed, students who have a significant challenge getting to where they are now, and people that have accomplished a lot in high school. Below is the essay prompt for one such scholarship:

UA Individuals Scholarship (475-500 words)

"Tell us anything else that you would like the scholarship selection committees to consider when evaluating you as a scholarship candidate. This could include things like your financial situation, your family or cultural background, *honors and awards you have received*, challenges you face or have overcome, *personal accomplishments*, or anything else you believe is relevant."

| Part 2: College Tasks | 10 points | 5 points | 0 points |
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|  Scholarship Essay 3: "UA Activities Scholarship" | + You wrote a good scholarship essay that was between 475 and 500 words + You had Mr. Benshoof edit your essay | - Your essay was outside of the word count - Mr. Benshoof did not edit your essay | - Your essay is missing |
|  Scholarship Essay 4: "Engineering Interest" | + You wrote a good scholarship essay that was between 475 and 500 words + You had Mr. Benshoof edit your essay | - Your essay was outside of the word count - Mr. Benshoof did not edit your essay | - Your essay is missing |