

Student Dreamers Alliance Scholarship Rubric



Applicant Name: _____

Recommendation submitted (required) Yes _____ No _____

The Letter of Recommendation is a mandatory component of the application process. Failure to include a LOR must result in a final score of 0.

	0-1 Points	2-3 Points	4-5 Points	Score
Essay (20%)	Applicant included 0 or 1 elements of the prompt (the experience, how you managed it, what you learned about yourself). Essay language lacks clarity leading to reader confusion. Applicant's essay had major grammatical errors.	Applicant included 2 out of 3 elements from the prompt (the experience, how you managed it, what you learned about yourself). Applicant's language was interesting and informative; Words and phrases work effectively. Applicant's essay had moderate grammatical errors.	Applicant included all 3 elements of the prompt (the experience, how you managed it, what you learned about yourself). Applicant's storytelling was compelling and engaging; wording is vibrant and paints a picture. Applicant's essay contained very few grammatical errors.	
Financial Hardship* (20%)	Applicant has household income above 200% of federal poverty guidelines.	Applicant has household income between 101-200% of federal poverty guidelines.	Applicant has household income under 100% of federal poverty guidelines.	
Interview (20%)	Communication was unclear and the applicant appeared uninterested. Answers were lacking and/or not on topic. Appearance and demeanor were untidy.	Communication was somewhat clear and showed some interest. Answers were somewhat thorough and mostly on topic. Appearance and demeanor were casual.	Communication was clear and attentive. Answers were thorough, on topic and cohesive. Appearance and demeanor were professional.	
Leadership and service (20%)	Applicant demonstrates little to no evidence of leadership and/or service based on letter of recommendation and application form.	Applicant demonstrates leadership and service in 1 way based on letter of recommendation and application form.	Applicant demonstrates leadership and service in 2 or more ways based on letter of recommendation and application form.	
Recommendation (20%)	Recommendation expresses concerns about the applicant's college readiness.	Recommendation indicates the potential for achievement and that the applicant is working towards college readiness.	Recommendation indicates a strong belief in the applicant's potential to achieve and that the applicant demonstrates clear college readiness.	
Final Score (0-25)				

**Financial hardship determined through collection of proof of income from each applicant*