

ESSAY EXAMPLES

This is an example of a GOOD scholarship application essay:

John Doe
Hampton – Ryan Scholarship
Construction Trades – Mr. Robert Benson

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to be considered for the prestigious Hampton – Ryan Scholarship. I believe that I have the qualities that an applicant for this award should have, and this honor would open doors for me into a carpentry apprenticeship program.

For the past two years, I have been a highly motivated contributor to the Building Trades program, maintaining a 3.4 grade point average. I am proud to accept my fellow students' nomination as Student of the Year. This spring I made my second trip to Lansing to compete at the State level and represent our program in the SkillsUSA bricklaying competition, finishing fourth overall.

I am a senior at Bark River-Harris High School. The possibilities offered by a small school have afforded me the opportunity to participate in several sports, achieving my varsity letter in cross-country and basketball. At school, I am also involved in Key Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and the membership I am particularly proud of, National Honor Society. Over the years, I have also been involved in the Boy Scouts, attaining my Eagle Scout award two years ago. My interests have also let me to Michigan Technological University for summer engineering programs. During my high school career, my favorite activities have been coaching and volunteering with your sports. There can be a lot of satisfaction when looked up to and appreciated by youngsters.

The work experiences gained during the past three years on the farm, and working for a local contractor, have established good employability skills, such as responsibility, problem-solving skills, and hard work. I was able to practice building trades skills learned through the ISD Building Trades program by repairing farm buildings, replacing roofing, and building a cement foundation. While working for a contractor, I was able to do all aspects of home construction because of the variety of skills learned in class. The ISD program assured me that I must pursue a construction career.

After high school, I plan on entering the U.P. trades and Labor Council's Carpentry Apprenticeship program. The professional contractor field currently present many great opportunities. In the future, I may pursue a degree in architecture, but for now, I want to get further training through the apprenticeship program. The Hampton-Ryan Scholarship will help me work toward my goals.

I thank you for your time and for considering my scholarship application.

Sincerely,

John Doe

This is an example of a scholarship application essay that could use some work:

John Baker
Bay College Scholarship
Business Management – Mrs. Gayle DeShambo

To Whom It May Concern:

I remember being in elementary school and being so eager to open the next chapter of my life in junior high and then again in high school I was so excited to get to high school and now, here I am, my senior year of high school and what I remember most is always wanting to move forward, always wanting the next chapter to start.

Last year when I was able to take ISD classes, I took advantage of the Business Management program. I feel that I have excelled in this class to the best of my ability. I worked hard and competed in the BPA competition all the way to the state level. I earned a gold at regional and silver at state. Being involved has made a big impact on my life and I am really happy that I was able to be a part of it.

My whole life everyone has told me, "John, you need to get out of this town so you can do something better with your life." My family wants me to move to Chicago the second I graduate and open the next chapter of my life. Up until these last two years of high school, I was all for moving to Chicago and maybe going to college or working, before I realized what that meant. Leaving everything I know and love, my friends and family. Finishing this book that I have spent my whole life writing. I'm not ready to do any of that.

Sincerely,

John Baker