

ESSAY

Once you have considered the topics you want to address in your essay:

- An essay up to one page in length is to accompany the application. The essay must include your accomplishments, involvements, honors, personal achievements and how this scholarship will help you. Include one paragraph with at least 60 words about the one person who influenced you most, and how they made a difference in your life.
- Your essay must also include your plans for training after high school (college, apprenticeship program, military, on-the-job training, etc. with your major area of study), and the career you will be pursuing.
- You may find the essay guide helpful. Be sure to add your personal stories to make your essay stand out from the others. For example: If you have great memories of working with your dad fixing your old farm tractor, and that influenced you to take an automotive class, mention that.
- Click for [Essay Ideas](#) and [Essay Examples](#).
- Computers are available in the ITV Lab for student use to type their essay. Office staff will not assist students in writing their essay.
- Use 12-point font size and an easily readable font style such as Arial or Times New Roman. Single or double spacing is your choice, however, single spacing allow you to include more information. Remember, you are competing against other candidates, so the more information you can include, the better your accomplishments can be recognized. Double space between paragraphs and indent the first line of each paragraph.
- Place your name, the scholarship for which you are applying and the ISD Career Tech class which you are attending in the top left corner of the essay.
- Follow the directions as stated on the criteria page for the scholarship you are applying for.
- Upon completion, use the spell check and proofread then have a parent or instructor proof your essay.
- Make improvements. Spell check and proofread again.
- Print out a final draft of your essay and turn it in to your instructor. You can use the same essay for other scholarships but be sure to individualize the information in the top left corner and if you used the name of the scholarship in the body of the essay. Attached a separate copy of your essay to each scholarship/award nomination that you are submitting.
- Remember, essays are one page including signature line! Essays over one page will be disqualified.