



THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
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2019-2020 Scholarship Program

The Personal Essay

The Community Foundation's scholarship application requires a personal essay with a maximum length of 650 words. Choose the essay that best suits you, using one of the prompts below to inspire and structure your response:

- Some students have a background, identify, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
- The lessons we take from failure can be fundamental to later success. Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
- Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?
- Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma—anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
- Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood without your culture, community or family.
- Provide your own essay prompt.