

Veterans Upward Bound Scholarship Essay Rubric

Essay Criteria	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point	Total Points	Comments
Opening Statement	Provides a complete preview of the content in the essay AND has an exceptionally strong hook or attention-grabber (a strong statement, relevant quotation, statistic, or question).	Provides a preview of the content in the essay.	Provides an incomplete preview of the content in the essay or does not provide a hook or attention-grabber.		
Body	Clearly explains each of the following two main points: -How Veterans Upward Bound has benefitted me. Addresses your financial need for the scholarship.	Explains one of the following two main points: - How Veterans Upward Bound has benefitted me. Addresses your financial need for the scholarship.	Explains why they need the scholarship.		
Conclusion	Provides a strong closing statement AND summarizes the main points in a new way.	Provides a closing statement AND summarizes the main points	Provides an incomplete closing statement or does not summarize the main		
Grammar	Provides complete, coherent sentences throughout the essay AND structure of sentences varies without any punctuation errors.	Provides complete, coherent, and varied sentences AND sentences contains no more than one punctuation error.	Provides incomplete or incoherent sentences or sentences contains two or more punctuation errors.		
Spelling	All words spelled correctly.	No more than one misspelled word.	Two or more misspelled words		
Essay Layout		2 Points			
Length		Two to three pages, not including cover page.			
Spacing		Each page double-spaced throughout.			
Font Type		Times New Roman			
Font Size		12 pitch			
Margins		Each page has one inch margins on four sides.			
TOTAL SCORE (maximum possible score is 25)					