

SHSAA Scholarship Application Essay Template

This is a suggested template for providing information on the six sections of your essay. Please refer to the *Scholarship Guidelines* document found under the Scholarship tab on the SHSAA website.

INTRODUCTION

Begin by introducing yourself. I am _____. I am a senior at _____ High School. My email address is: _____. My mailing address is: _____. You can contact me by phone at _____. You can also text me at this phone number. Include the name of the college to which you have been accepted. What do you plan to study?

DEFINING SUCCESS

- *What does success mean to you?*
- *How do you define success*
- *How do you know when you achieve success?*
- *How do you believe going to college will get you closer realizing success?*

EDUCATION GOALS

- *Describe the goals you have set for yourself regarding your education.*
- *How will these goals get you closer to the success you have defined for yourself?*

SKILLS INVENTORY

- *Describe specific skills you have that you depend on to achieve your priorities in life.*
- *How do you use these skills in your daily life?*
- *For example, are you a problem solver? Are you a good communicator? What talents do you have that set you apart from the crowd?*

PERSONAL STRENGTHS

- *What are your personal strengths that enable you to be successful?*
- *Include emotional, intellectual, creative, leadership, and character strengths.*
- *How do these strengths show in your relationships with others?*

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- *Describe specific things you have accomplished during high school year of which you are proud. Include unique accomplishments.*

Close with by stating your name and high school. You may attach additional documents to your online application such as reference letters, photos, or other pdf formatted files.