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HELPFUL TIP –PLEASE READ

The EOA Scholarship Application is now accessible through the EOA website. Please read all directions carefully. Students CANNOT start their application and return to it later.

It is highly recommended that the student is given all information on the scholarship and materials required, and the TRIO/EOP nominator work with the student to upload all documents at once.

For the Mitchem Fellowship – this will be especially important as many faculty will choose to email their Letter of Recommendation to the nominator, not the student.

This is a new process and a new platform, we welcome any suggestions or concerns so that we can continue to improve the process year to year. Constructive criticism is always welcomed.

General Guidelines for Staff and Nominators

- Recipients will need to submit enrollment verification forms to the EOA Scholarship Chair prior to checks being mailed.
- EOAF Board Chair will mail scholarship checks in October of award year
- Applicants are not requested to upload a photo. However, one will be required before scholarship checks are released
- If Nominators prefer not to share their letter of recommendation with the applicant, they may wish to have their student send their application materials to the Nominator to submit on their behalf OR meet with the applicant to submit the application together.
- All nominators must be EOA members as of scholarship deadline.

Number of Applications Allowed

Each State/Chapter Scholarship Chair has determined the amount of applications allowed per program. No State/Chapter can allow more than 5 applications per program but they can decrease the number as they see fit.

Why do we do this? Each State/Chapter has different needs and wants and EOA wants to allow the State/Chapter Scholarship Chair the opportunity to meet the needs of their individual chapter.

- **Illinois TRIO** = 5 applications per program
- **Indiana TRIO** = 4 applications per program
- **Iowa TRIO** = 5 applications per program
- **Michigan College Access Program Personnel** = 5 applications per program
- **Minnesota TRIO** = 5 applications per program
- **MO-KAN-NE** = 5 applications per program
- **Ohio TRIO** = 5 applications per program
- **Wisconsin Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel** = 3 applications per program

Scholarship Deadlines

All scholarship deadlines for EOA scholarships are March 31. **However, each state/chapter has the right to have EARLIER deadlines to meet their committee needs and conference deadlines.** Please review each scholarship carefully to ensure you meet the deadline set forth by your specific state/chapter.

Why do we do this? This accommodation is to assist the State/Chapter Scholarship Chair and their committee in meeting goals of announcing winners at their annual conference. Deadlines are listed below specifically to each state/chapter.

- **Illinois TRIO** = March 31, 2018
- **Indiana TRIO** = March 31, 2018
- **Iowa TRIO** = March, 16, 2018
- **Michigan College Access Program Personnel** = March 31, 2018
- **Minnesota TRIO** = March 31, 2018
- **MO-KAN-NE** = March 15, 2018
- **Ohio TRIO** = March 31, 2018
- **Wisconsin Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel** = March 31, 2018

How to Apply

The application process for all EOA scholarships will occur through the Educational Opportunity Association website at www.eoa.org/scholarships

Upon entering the website www.eoa.org, click SCHOLARSHIPS > OVERVIEW OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Each scholarship is listed and the link will take you to specific information regarding the scholarship and the application process and contain links to the Nomination and Photo Release Forms.

www.eoa.org/boardscholarship

www.eoa.org/pruittscholarship

www.eoa.org/elischolarship

www.eoa.org/purnellscholarship

www.eoa.org/foundationscholarship

www.eoa.org/tendajigangesscholarship

www.eoa.org/mitchemmcair

www.eoa.org/veteransscholarship

www.eoa.org/phyllisgrayscholarship

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Applicants cannot start the application process, save their work, and return later. It is highly advised that applicants gather all their necessary application materials (see eligibility) and submit PDF documents at once.
- All documents must be saved as PDFs and uploaded before submission.
- Applicant will receive an email confirmation of submission.

EOA Board of Directors Scholarship – ALL

www.eoa.org/boardsscholarship

Overview

EOA Board scholarships are sponsored by the EOA Board of Directors. Students are nominated by TRIO professionals in their respective chapters.

Chapter scholarship committees select the recipients and the scholarships are awarded by EOA Foundation (EOAF). The number of EOA Board Scholarships varies each year, depending on financial resources. EOA Board Scholarships are non-renewable. The student selected by the Chapter Scholarship Committee will be the recipient for that Chapter. No further review occurs.

Awards

One award of \$1,000 to each state within the EOA region (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, and Wisconsin). Ten \$1,000.00 scholarships are available in 2018.

Eligibility

The student applicant must meet the following criteria to apply:

1. Be from a first-generation or low-income background and/or is a student with a disability;
2. Be enrolled, or anticipated enrollment for current high school seniors, in a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for the next academic year;
3. Have cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
4. Demonstrate involvement in co-curricular or community activities; and
5. Reside within the EOA region.

The nominator must be a current EOA Member at the time of the scholarship deadline. (Confirmed by Chapter Membership Chair).

Application Materials

The applicant must submit the following (PDF) materials in order for their application to be complete:

- Nomination Form** (from TRIO/EOP professional - must be EOA member)
- Letter of Recommendation from Nominator
- Copy of unofficial academic transcript, including current semester schedule
- Signed **Photo Release Form**
- Student essay (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages) describing:
 - ✓ The impact of TRIO or educational opportunity program on your education
 - ✓ Your co-curricular and/or community involvement
 - ✓ Why the EOA Board of Directors Scholarship is important to you?

A digital headshot photo of applicant must also be on file with Nominator in case they are a selected recipient.

Emerging Leaders Scholarship – ALL

www.eoa.org/elischolarship

Overview

The Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI) Scholarship fund was established in collaboration with the EOA Emerging Leaders Institute and the EOA Foundation (EOAF). Since 2002, select EOA ELI cohorts have fundraised each year for student scholarships. One student in the EOA region will be awarded \$1000.00 toward their educational needs.

Each Chapter Scholarship Committee will select a semi-finalist for their respective chapter. The EOA Scholarship Committee will have a panel of readers to select the finalist for the current year award.

Award

One award of \$1,000 to an EOA recipient. Each Chapter may select a **semifinalist** (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri/Kansas/Nebraska, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin). This is a one time, non-renewable scholarship.

Eligibility

The student applicant must meet the following criteria to apply:

1. Be a current TRIO/EOP student within the EOA region and reside within the EOA region;
2. Be enrolled in a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for the upcoming academic year or anticipated enrollment for current high school seniors;
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; and
4. Demonstrate strong leadership abilities in their community and/or advocacy efforts in their TRIO community.

The nominator must be a current EOA member at the time of scholarship deadline. (Confirmed by Chapter Membership and Credentials Chair).

Application Materials:

The applicant must submit the following (PDF) materials in order for their application to be considered complete:

- Nomination Form** (from TRIO/EOP professional - must be EOA member)
- Letter of Recommendation from Nominator
- Copy of unofficial academic transcript, including current semester schedule
- Signed **Photo Release Form**
- Student essay (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages) describing:
 - ✓ The impact of TRIO/EOP on your education and your plan to obtain your Bachelor's degree
 - ✓ How TRIO/EOP has impacted your leadership skills and abilities as well as how you plan to continue your leadership within your community and or TRIO/EOP community
 - ✓ Why the EOA Emerging Leaders Institute Scholarship is important to you?

A digital headshot photo of applicant must also be on file with Nominator in case student is a selected recipient.

Ralph L. Pruitt Scholarship – INDIANA

www.eoa.org/pruittscholarship

Overview

The Ralph Pruitt Fund was the first fund established by the EOA Foundation and the first scholarship funded by EOA. Dr. Ralph Pruitt was a math professor at Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Pruitt was one of the founders of EOA.

Award

One award of \$1,000 to Indiana. (The scholarship awards are distributed based on the existing chapter rotation schedule.) The student selected by the Chapter Scholarship Committee will be the recipient for that Chapter. No further review occurs.

Eligibility

The student applicant must meet the following criteria,

1. Be a current TRIO/EOP participant;
2. Be enrolled in, or anticipate enrollment for current high school seniors, a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for the upcoming academic year;
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
4. Demonstrate involvement in co-curricular and/or community activities; and
5. Resides in the EOA region

The Nominator MUST be a current member of EOA and Indiana at the time of the scholarship deadline.

Application Materials

The applicant must submit the following (PDF) materials in order for their application to be considered complete:

- Nomination Form** (from TRIO/EOP professional - must be EOA member)
- Letter of Recommendation from Nominator
- Copy of unofficial academic transcript, including current semester schedule
- Signed **Photo Release Form**
- Student essay (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages) describing:
 - ✓ The impact of TRIO or educational opportunity program on your education
 - ✓ Your co-curricular and/or community involvement
 - ✓ Why the EOA Ralph Pruitt Scholarship is important to you?

A digital headshot photo of applicant must also be on file with Nominator in case they are a selected recipient.

Silas Purnell Scholarship – WISCONSIN & ILLINOIS

www.eoa.org/purnellscholarship

Overview

The Silas Purnell Scholarship Fund was established by the Board of Directors of the EOA Foundation in 2000. Initial support was provided by two Foundation board members and the Illinois Chapter of EOA.

Silas Purnell worked for Talent Search at the Ada S. McKinley Community Center, Chicago. He served needy and deserving students for 34 years and is known nationally as an advocate for equal access for low-income and first-generation students. He is directly responsible for thousands of students gaining access to, and succeeding in, higher education. Silas has many alumni who participated in his Talent Search Program in Chicago who have gone on to accomplish great things in higher education and in the private sector throughout the nation.

Awards

One award of \$1,000 to each Wisconsin and Illinois. Each year one or more chapters are eligible to receive this scholarship. The scholarship awards are distributed based on the existing chapter rotation schedule. The applicant selected by the Chapter Scholarship Committee will be the recipient for that Chapter. No further review occurs.

Eligibility

The student applicant must meet the following criteria,

1. Be a current or former TRIO or EOP student;
2. Demonstrate financial need as defined by TRIO criteria, financial aid award letter or other documentation of family financial status;
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale; and
4. Demonstrate involvement in co-curricular and/or community activities; and
5. Reside in the EOA region

The Nominator MUST be a current member of EOA and Wisconsin or Illinois at the time of the scholarship deadline.

Application Materials

The applicant must submit the following (PDF) materials in order for their application to be considered complete:

- Nomination Form** (from TRIO/EOP professional - must be EOA member)
- Letter of Recommendation from Nominator
- Copy of unofficial academic transcript, including current semester schedule
- Signed **Photo Release Form**
- Student essay (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages) describing:
 - ✓ The impact of TRIO or educational opportunity program on your education
 - ✓ Specific description of your plan to obtain your baccalaureate degree
 - ✓ Why the EOA Silas Purnell Scholarship is important to you?

A digital headshot photo of applicant must also be on file with Nominator in case they are a selected recipient.

Arnold Mitchem/Ronald E. McNair Graduate Fellowship – MOKANNE & ILLINOIS

www.eoa.org/mitchemmcnair

Overview

The Arnold Mitchem/Ronald E. McNair Graduate Fellowship was founded and funded initially by the Wisconsin chapter of EOA. The award is to assist students pursuing Master's Degree, Ed.D, or Doctorate Degree. (It does not include terminal or professional degrees.) Fellowship recipients will be designated as Mitchem Graduate Fellows. The applicant selected by the Chapter Scholarship Committee will be the recipient for that Chapter. No further review occurs.

Awards

One award of \$1,000 to each MOKANNE and Illinois Chapters. (Two awards distributed in 2018). Each year one or more chapters may be eligible to receive this scholarship. The scholarship awards are distributed based on the existing Chapter rotation schedule.

Eligibility

The student applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. A current TRIO/EOP program participant during the scholarship award year;
2. Plan to enroll in graduate school as a full-time student (minimum of 9 credits per semester or 12 credits per quarter) by the fall semester immediately following application competition (verification of enrollment will need to be provided in the fall if chosen as a scholarship recipient)
3. A student whose goal is to obtain a masters' and/or doctoral degree from an accredited college or university.
**NOTE: Students enrolled in the following programs shall NOT be eligible: Law School, MBA Program, Medical School (except joint M.D/Ph.D. programs), Veterinary Medicine (except joint Vet/Med Ph.D. programs) and Labor and Industrial Relations (except joint LIR/Ph.D. programs); and*
4. Have a minimum GPA of 3.2/4.0 in undergraduate school.

The Nominator MUST be a current member of EOA and MKN or Illinois at the time of the scholarship deadline.

Application Materials

The applicant must submit the following (PDF) materials in order for their application to be complete:

- Nomination Form** (from TRIO/EOP professional - must be EOA member)
- Two Letters of Recommendation** (One from Nominator and the other from a faculty member)
 - These can be given to the student to upload individually, OR
 - The letters can be emailed to the nominator and the nominator will coordinate with the student to upload to them to ensure privacy
- Verification that student is actively enrolled in a graduate program at a four-year college or university (e.g. current course schedule) and verification of current Grade Point Average (e.g. unofficial transcript)
- Signed **Photo Release Form**
- Student personal statement essay (Max: 600 words) addressing:
 - ✓ Evidence of community and/or leadership involvement
 - ✓ Evidence of multicultural activities and contributions
 - ✓ Your commitment to academic excellence
 - ✓ Your graduate and professional goals
 - ✓ How TRIO/EOP has impacted your academic journey?
 - ✓ Your plan to give back to the EOA organization, nominating TRIO/EOP program, high school, college or community

A digital headshot photo of applicant must also be on file with Nominator in case applicant is selected as a recipient.

Veterans Scholarship – ALL

www.eoa.org/veteransscholarship

Overview

The Veterans Scholarship fund was established in collaboration with the EOA Foundation and the EOA Board of Directors. The scholarship is to help veterans with educational expenses as they pursue higher education.

Awards

Two awards of \$500 to two EOA recipients. This scholarship is open to all EOA Chapters. However, one chapter may not receive more than one award per year. Each Chapter may select a **semifinalist** (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri/Kansas/Nebraska, and Ohio). The EOA Committee will have a panel of readers to select the finalist for the current year award.

Eligibility

The student applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be an honorably discharged veteran or current member of the Armed Services (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard) to include the Reserve and National Guard;
2. Be enrolled in a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for the upcoming academic year;
3. Be a current or former participant in a TRIO or EOP program in the EOA region; and

The Nominator MUST be a current member of EOA at the time of the scholarship deadline.

Application Materials

The applicant must submit the following (PDF) materials in order for their application to be considered complete:

- Nomination Form** (from TRIO/EOP professional - must be EOA member)
- Letter of Recommendation from Nominator
- Copy of unofficial academic transcript, including current semester schedule
- Signed **Photo Release Form**
- Student essay (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages) describing:
 - ✓ The impact of TRIO or educational opportunity program on your education
 - ✓ A specific description of your plan to obtain your baccalaureate degree
 - ✓ Why the EOA Veterans Scholarship is important to you?

A digital headshot photo of applicant must also be on file with Nominator in case they are a selected recipient.

EOA Foundation Scholarships (NEW) – ALL

www.eoa.org/foundationsscholarship

Overview

The EOA Foundation scholarships are sponsored by the EOA Foundation Board of Directors. Students are nominated by TRIO/EOP professionals in their respective Chapters and the state Chapter scholarship committees select the recipients. These scholarships are awarded by the EOA Foundation and are non-renewable. The student selected by the Chapter Scholarship Committee for the EOA Foundation Scholarship will be the recipient for that Chapter. No further review occurs.

Awards

One award of \$500 to each state within the EOA region (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, and Wisconsin). Ten \$500 EOA Foundation Scholarships are available in 2018.

Eligibility

The student applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be from a first-generation or low-income background and/or is a student with a disability
2. Be enrolled, or anticipated enrollment for current high school seniors, in a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for the next academic year;
3. Has cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
4. Demonstrates involvement in co-curricular or community activities; and
5. Resides within the EOA region.

The nominator must be a current EOA member at the time of scholarship deadline. (Confirmed by Chapter Membership and Credentials Chair).

Application Materials:

The applicant must submit the following (PDF) materials in order for their application to be complete:

- Nomination Form** (from TRIO/EOP professional - must be EOA member)
- Letter of Recommendation from Nominator
- Copy of unofficial academic transcript, including current semester schedule
- Signed **Photo Release Form**
- Student essay (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages) describing:
 - ✓ The impact of TRIO/EOP on your education
 - ✓ Your co-curricular and/or community involvement
 - ✓ Why the EOA Foundation Scholarship is important to you?

A digital headshot photo of applicant must also be on file with Nominator in case they are a selected recipient.

Phyllis Gray Memorial Scholarship (NEW) – ALL

www.eoa.org/phyllisgrayscholarship

Overview

This one-time scholarship is sponsored by the EOA Foundation Board of Directors. Students are nominated by TRIO/EOP professionals in their respective Chapters. This scholarship is awarded by the EOA Foundation and is non-renewable.

The student selected by the Chapter Scholarship Committee for the EOA Phyllis Gray Memorial Scholarship will be the recipient for that Chapter. No further review occurs.

Award

One award of \$1,000 to an EOA recipient. Each Chapter may select a **semifinalist** (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri/Kansas/Nebraska, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin). One scholarship recipient will be chosen.

Eligibility

The student applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be from a first-generation or low-income background or is a student with a disability
2. Be enrolled, or anticipated enrollment for current high school seniors, in a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for the next academic year; must be a graduating high school senior with full or part time anticipated enrollment in an accredited two or four-year post-secondary institution. Enrollment must be verified at the time of awarding of the scholarship.
3. Has cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; and
4. Demonstrates a commitment to community service.

The Nominator MUST be a current member of EOA at the time of the scholarship deadline.

Application Materials

The applicant must submit the following (PDF) materials in order for their application to be considered complete:

- Nomination Form** (from TRIO/EOP professional - must be EOA member)
- Letter of Recommendation from Nominator
- Copy of unofficial academic transcript, including current semester schedule
- Signed **Photo Release Form**
- Student essay (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages) describing:
 - The impact of TRIO or educational opportunity program on your education
 - Your commitment to community service
 - Why the EOA Phyllis Gray Memorial Scholarship is important to you?

A digital headshot photo of applicant must also be on file with Nominator in case they are a selected recipient.

Tendaji Ganges Memorial Scholarship (NEW) – MICHIGAN

www.eoa.org/tendajigangesscholarship

Overview

This scholarship is sponsored by the EOA Foundation Board of Directors. Students are nominated by TRIO professionals in their respective Chapters. This scholarship is awarded by the EOA Foundation and is renewable. The student selected by the Chapter Scholarship Committee for the EOA Tendaji Ganges Scholarship will be the recipient for that Chapter. No further review occurs.

Award

One award of \$1,000 to MICHIGAN (chapter recipient rotates annually). This scholarship is awarded by the EOA Foundation and is renewable. The Foundation will commit \$1,000 each year to a student, up to four years annual verification of postsecondary attendance for a total of \$4,000. One Ganges Memorial scholarship is available in 2018 and is awarded each year, rotated among the chapters. The rotation will start with the state of Michigan and be distributed alphabetically thereafter.

Eligibility

The student applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be from first-generation or low-income background or is a student with a disability
2. Be graduating high school senior with full or part time anticipated enrollment in an accredited two or four-year post-secondary institution. Enrollment must be verified at the time of awarding of the scholarship and the Foundation will verify enrollment annually thereafter;
3. Has cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
4. Demonstrates involvement in co-curricular or community activities; and
5. Resides within the EOA region.

The Nominator MUST be a current member of EOA and Michigan at the time of the scholarship deadline.

Application Materials

The applicant must submit the following (PDF) materials in order for their application to be considered complete:

- Nomination Form** (from TRIO/EOP professional - must be EOA member)
- Letter of Recommendation from Nominator
- Copy of unofficial academic transcript, including current semester schedule
- Signed **Photo Release Form**
- Student essay (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages) describing:
 - ✓ The impact of TRIO or educational opportunity program on your education
 - ✓ Your co-curricular and/or community involvement
 - ✓ Why the EOA Tendaji Ganges Memorial Scholarship is important to you?

A digital headshot photo of applicant must also be on file with Nominator in case they are a selected recipient.

General Guidelines for Readers

- Scholarship Committee Readers will be given coordinator access to the EOA website to review applications. Readers MUST be current members of EOA in order to have access.
- To access the online scholarships via ClubExpress, log in to www.eoa.org. Click on Control Panel at the top. Then click on the Communication tab, and click Ad Hoc Forms. Select your Chapter category from the drop down menu (ex. MN – EOA Scholarships) then click Search. The areas of most importance to Readers will be the Bar Graph icon and the Book icon.
- Clicking the Bar Graph icon will allow Readers to read individual applications. Click on the eye ball icon to review. In that area, click on the eye ball icon again to view attachments.
- Clicking on the Book icon will allow Readers to download a full list of application answers (and will show you that documents were attached but will NOT show you the full attachments).
- Be careful to not delete the form OR delete or change any questions on the form once the application is active as that may cause glitches in the application and application submissions that have been received.

Scoring

Rubrics and scoring sheets can be provided to the State/Chapter Scholarship chair to be used as a tool for scoring purposes.

It is important to note that only three scholarships require a SEMIFINALIST to be given to the EOA Scholarship Committee. The remaining scholarships allow each State/Chapter to select their finalist – they must meet eligibility criteria – with no further review by the EOA Scholarship committee (The EOA Scholarship Chair will verify eligibility). It is highly encouraged that each state/chapter has a clear scoring rubric that must align with the EOA Scholarship eligibility and criteria.

The following scholarships require a SEMIFINALIST to be selected: Emerging Leaders Institute Scholarship, the Veterans Scholarship and the Phyllis Gray Memorial Scholarship. The scoring rubric for each scholarship can be found below. The EOA Scholarship Committee and their readers will utilize these rubrics to help determine the recipient of each award.

Emerging Leaders Institute Scholarship Scoring Rubric

I. Grade Point Average (4 pt. scale) – maximum 10 points (if GPA is not on a 4.0 scale, please convert (example: 4.50 GPA x 4 (point scale) / 5 (point scale) = 3.60 GPA converted)						Subtotal Score
(10) 4.00-3.71	(8) 3.70-3.41	(6) 3.40-3.11	(4) 3.10-2.81	(2) 2.80-2.5		
II. Letter of Recommendation from EOA Member (no more than two pages, typed, double-spaced) – maximum 20 points						
A. Demonstrated Commitment to Excellence in Carrying Out the Ideals of TRIO	(15) Very Strong	(13) Strong	(11) Average	(9) Below Average	(7) Weak	
B. Overall Letter (letter is well-organized; has developed ideas regarding the abilities, potential, character and leadership skills of the applicant)	(5) Very Strong	(4) Strong	(3) Average	(2) Below Average	(1) Weak	
III. General Information (may be from the letter of recommendation and /or the student essay) – maximum 20 points						
A. States How TRIO has Impacted the Student’s Leadership Skills & Abilities; Articulates the Student’s Plan to Continue His/her Leadership Within His/her Community and/or TRIO/EOP Community	(10) Very Strong	(8) Strong	(6) Average	(4) Below Average	(2) Weak	
B. Indication of Educational and/or Financial Barriers Student has Overcome	(10) Very Strong	(8) Strong	(6) Average	(4) Below Average	(2) Weak	
IV. Student Writing Essay (no more than two pages, typed, double-spaced) – maximum 40 points						
A. Clearly Expresses Why the Emerging Leader Institute Scholarship is Important to Him/her	(15) Very Strong	(13) Strong	(11) Average	(9) Below Average	(7) Weak	
B. Shows Impact of TRIO/EOP on His/her Education & Plan to Obtain a Baccalaureate Degree	(15) Very Strong	(13) Strong	(11) Average	(9) Below Average	(7) Weak	
C. Overall Essay (essay is well-organized; has developed ideas and clear focus; almost no grammatical errors; few or no errors in spelling & punctuation)	(10) Very Strong	(8) Strong	(6) Average	(4) Below Average	(2) Weak	
V. Total Points (add I through IV – maximum 90)						

Veterans Scholarship

I. Grade Point Average (4 pt. scale) – maximum 10 points (if GPA is not on a 4.0 scale, please convert (example: 4.50 GPA x 4 (point scale) / 5 (point scale) = 3.60 GPA converted)						Subtotal Score
(10) 4.00-3.71	(8) 3.70-3.41	(6) 3.40-3.11	(4) 3.10-2.81	(2) 2.80-2.5		
II. Letter of Recommendation from EOA Member (no more than two pages, typed, double-spaced) – maximum 20 points						
A. Demonstrated Commitment to Excellence in Carrying Out the Ideals of TRIO	(15) Very Strong	(13) Strong	(11) Average	(9) Below Average	(7) Weak	
B. Overall Letter (letter is well-organized; has developed ideas regarding the abilities, potential, character and leadership skills of the applicant)	(5) Very Strong	(4) Strong	(3) Average	(2) Below Average	(1) Weak	
III. General Information (may be from the letter of recommendation and /or the student essay) – maximum 20 points						
A. Describes the Student's Plan to Obtain a Post-Secondary Degree	(10) Very Strong	(8) Strong	(6) Average	(4) Below Average	(2) Weak	
B. Indication of Educational and/or Financial Barriers Student has Overcome	(10) Very Strong	(8) Strong	(6) Average	(4) Below Average	(2) Weak	
IV. Student Writing Essay (no more than two pages, typed, double-spaced) – maximum 40 points						
A. Clearly Expresses Why the Veteran Scholarship is Important to Him/her	(15) Very Strong	(13) Strong	(11) Average	(9) Below Average	(7) Weak	
B. Shows Impact of TRIO/EOP & Armed Services on His/her Education	(15) Very Strong	(13) Strong	(11) Average	(9) Below Average	(7) Weak	
C. Overall Essay (essay is well-organized; has developed ideas and clear focus; almost no grammatical errors; few or no errors in spelling & punctuation)	(10) Very Strong	(8) Strong	(6) Average	(4) Below Average	(2) Weak	
V. Total Points (add I through IV – maximum 90)						

Phyllis Gray Memorial Scholarship

I. Grade Point Average (4 pt. scale) – maximum 10 points (if GPA is not on a 4.0 scale, please convert (example: 4.50 GPA x 4 (point scale) / 5 (point scale) = 3.60 GPA converted)						Subtotal Score
(10) 4.00-3.71	(8) 3.70-3.41	(6) 3.40-3.11	(4) 3.10-2.81	(2) 2.80-2.5		
II. Letter of Recommendation from EOA Member (no more than two pages, typed, double-spaced) – maximum 20 points						
A. Demonstrated Commitment to Excellence in Carrying Out the Ideals of TRIO/EOP	(15) Very Strong	(13) Strong	(11) Average	(9) Below Average	(7) Weak	
B. Overall Letter (letter is well-organized; has developed ideas regarding the abilities, potential, character and leadership skills of the applicant)	(5) Very Strong	(4) Strong	(3) Average	(2) Below Average	(1) Weak	
III. General Information (may be from the letter of recommendation and /or the student essay) – maximum 20 points						
A. Describes the Student's commitment to community service with clear outline of past service and plans for future service	(10) Very Strong	(8) Strong	(6) Average	(4) Below Average	(2) Weak	
B. Indication of Educational and/or Financial Barriers Student has Overcome	(10) Very Strong	(8) Strong	(6) Average	(4) Below Average	(2) Weak	
IV. Student Writing Essay (no more than two pages, typed, double-spaced) – maximum 40 points						
A. Clearly Expresses Why the Phyllis Gray Memorial Scholarship is Important to Him/her	(15) Very Strong	(13) Strong	(11) Average	(9) Below Average	(7) Weak	
B. Shows Impact of TRIO/EOP on His/her Education	(15) Very Strong	(13) Strong	(11) Average	(9) Below Average	(7) Weak	
C. Clearly expresses a commitment to community service	(10) Very Strong	(8) Strong	(6) Average	(4) Below Average	(2) Weak	
D. Overall Essay (essay is well-organized; has developed ideas and clear focus; almost no grammatical errors; few or no errors in spelling & punctuation)	(10) Very Strong	(8) Strong	(6) Average	(4) Below Average	(2) Weak	
V. Total Points (add I through IV – maximum 100)						

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