Scholarship Application Judging Rubric

Student Name: _____

Criteria	Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Satisfactory (2)	Needs Improvement (1)	Score
Essays/Personal Statement-Significant Change in your life	Clear, compelling, and well-written statement that demonstrates strong motivation, personal growth, and goals	Well-written statement with clear motivation and goals, though could be more focused or detailed	Adequate statement, but lacks clarity or depth; doesn't fully convey motivation	Unclear or poorly written statement; lacks focus on personal goals or motivation	_____ / 4
Community Involvement	Significant leadership roles and/or consistent volunteer work with a meaningful impact	Active involvement in community service, but less consistent or impactful	Some involvement in community service, but limited or short-term	Minimal or no community service involvement	_____ / 4
Counselor Recommendation	Counselor speaks highly of the applicant's character, work ethic, and potential	Counselor provides positive feedback, though may lack specificity	Counselor comments are positive but not detailed or particularly strong	Counselor comments are vague, generic, or do not highlight key qualities	_____ / 4
Need	Clear and compelling demonstration of need; applicant provides detailed information	Demonstrates need with some supporting information	Need is mentioned but lacks sufficient supporting details	No clear need is demonstrated or not applicable	_____ / 4
Future Goals and Plans	Well-defined career and educational goals that align with the scholarship purpose	Clear goals, though could benefit from more specificity or clarity	Vague or underdeveloped goals; unclear path forward	No clear goals or plans for the future	_____ / 4
Overall Presentation	Application is complete, neat, and well-organized with no errors	Application is complete and organized with minimal errors	Application is somewhat disorganized, with missing or incomplete sections	Application is incomplete, poorly organized, or contains significant errors	_____ / 4

Total Score: _____ / 24

Scoring Key:

- **Excellent (4):** Outstanding performance in this area; exceeds expectations.
- **Good (3):** Meets expectations with a solid performance.
- **Satisfactory (2):** Adequate, but with room for improvement.
- **Needs Improvement (1):** Below expectations or incomplete in this area.