

## Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Application Rubric

This rubric prioritizes community involvement, leadership, and character, while still considering academic achievement. Total possible points: 100.

Category	Criteria	Max Points	Scoring Guide
Academic Performance	Overall GPA	5	5 = 4.0+ GPA 4 = 3.5–3.9 3 = 3.0–3.49 2 = 2.5–2.99 1 = below 2.5
	ACT Composite Score	5	5 = 30+ 4 = 25–29 3 = 20–24 2 = 15–19 1 = below 15
Employment	Student currently has a job	5	5 = Currently employed 3 = Occasional work 0 = No job
Financial Need	Anticipated total school costs	5	5 = Clearly explains financial need and high costs 3 = Some financial need evident 0 = No explanation or low need
Leadership	Offices/Leadership roles in school	10	10 = Multiple impactful roles 6 = One major role 3 = Minor or short-term roles 0 = None
Honors & Awards	Recognition received at school	5	5 = Multiple honors 3 = One or two recognitions 0 = None listed
School Involvement	Extracurricular activities	10	10 = Sustained, meaningful involvement in multiple activities 6 = Some consistent involvement 3 = Minimal participation 0 = None

Community Involvement	Out-of-school activities in the community	15	15 = Strong and consistent involvement with clear impact 10 = Regular participation 5 = Occasional involvement 0 = None
Character & Self-Reflection	Accomplishment student is most proud of	10	10 = Meaningful and well-explained with personal impact 6 = Some reflection 3 = Vague or underdeveloped 0 = Missing
	Struggle/challenge & how it was overcome	10	10 = Honest and insightful, shows growth and resilience 6 = Clear explanation, moderate insight 3 = Basic or vague 0 = Missing
	Where do you see yourself in five years?	5	5 = Clear, goal-oriented, realistic 3 = General direction 1 = Vague or unsure 0 = Not answered
	Community/school involvement and preparation for the future	10	10 = Strong connection made between past involvement and future goals 6 = Some connection 3 = Weak connection 0 = Not answered