

## **Remember to**

- **Briefly introduce the essay's purpose and provide an overview of the topics to be discussed.**
- **Summarize your key points and reiterate your commitment to NOAA's mission and the scholarship's role in your academic and career journey.**

## **Suggested Outlines:**

### **Academic, Research, and Career Goals Related to NOAA's Mission**

1. Describe academic goals
  - a. Explain your current academic pursuits and achievements.
  - b. Highlight areas of study relevant to NOAA's mission (SCIENCE, SERVICE, and STEWARDSHIP).
2. Research goals (if applicable)
  - a. Describe any ongoing or planned research related to NOAA's mission.
  - b. Emphasize the significance of your research.
3. Career goals -
  - a. Discuss your envisioned career path and how it aligns with NOAA's mission.
  - b. Mention specific roles or responsibilities you aspire to within NOAA.

### **Motivation for Applying to the Scholarship (FUTURE)**

1. Discuss your (FUTURE) motivation for applying to the Hollings and/or EPP/MSI undergraduate scholarship.
2. Explain how this scholarship will help you achieve your academic, research, and career goals in the context of NOAA's mission.

### **Addressing a Scientific, Environmental, or Community Challenge**

1. Identify the challenge
  - a. Describe a specific scientific, environmental, or community challenge.
  - b. Importance to you
  - c. Explain why this challenge is personally significant.
2. Proposed solutions
  - a. Offer creative solutions or approaches to addressing the challenge.
  - b. Highlight the potential impact of your proposed solutions.

### **Demonstrating Leadership**

1. Provide an example of a leadership experience where you exhibited strategic thinking, strong communication, integrity, and thoughtful decision-making.
2. Explain how this experience demonstrates your leadership potential in NOAA-related contexts.

### **Overcoming Academic Challenges**

1. Share an example of a time when you faced an academic challenge and persisted in reaching your goals.
2. Reflect on the lessons learned and how this experience has prepared you for a future with NOAA.

### **Benefits of the Scholarship Opportunity (PRESENT)**

1. Discuss how you will benefit from the Hollings or EPP/MSI undergraduate scholarship.
2. Identify personal (FINANCIAL) and professional needs that the scholarship will address for you, ultimately helping you support NOAA's mission.