



2018 Adult Learner Scholarship Application

Essay Prompts and Instructions

NOTE: All essays must be inputted into the KC Scholars online portal. Essays are one part of the application and all tasks must be completed to submit the application. Deadline to submit the application is midnight on March 2, 2018.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Scholarship applicants are required to write about two essay topics:

- Essay # 1 - Applicants are required to respond to this topic
- Essay # 2 - Applicants can select one topic between two topic choices

For each essay, the response must be a minimum of 250 words and a maximum of 750 words. The purpose of an essay is to learn about you. In your responses, talk about yourself so that we can get to know your personality, background, talents, and potential for success in college. Use “I” and “my” statements in your response. Keep in mind that simply reciting a list of accomplishments, activities, or work experience will lessen the impact of your words. Try to use specific examples to support the points you want to make.

We suggest that you use a word processing program to write your responses before entering them into the portal (so you can check your spelling, grammar and punctuation) and that you save a copy of your essay for future use.

ESSAY PROMPTS:

Essay #1 - Required:

1. Now that you are returning to college, what do you think your greatest challenge will be? Describe how you will prioritize completing your degree so that nothing stops you from reaching your educational goals.

Essay #2 - Select one of following two questions:

1. Describe the world you come from — for example, your family, community, work, or school — and tell us how your world has shaped your dreams and aspirations. How will a college degree enable you to reach your personal and career goals?
2. Tell us about a personal quality, talent, accomplishment, contribution or experience that is important to you. What about this personal quality or accomplishment makes you proud and how does it relate to the person you are? Why should you be selected for a scholarship?