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Scholarship Program

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SCORING RUBRIC

TOPIC/PROMPT: How will climate change impact droughts and water supplies in California? Describe something that water agencies, cities, counties, or the state could do differently to tackle these threats and ensure long-term water security for the state.

SUBJECT	OUTSTANDING (4-5 PTS)	AVERAGE (3-4 PTS)	MARGINAL (1-2 PTS)	INCOMPLETE (0 PTS)	SCORE
Embracing the Topic	Engagingly and effectively presents scholarship topic. Essay main ideas are well supported by detailed and accurate information.	Adequately presents scholarship topic. Essay main ideas are supported by detailed and accurate information.	Inadequate explanation of essay topic and main ideas are disorganized.	Essay topic is not easily identified.	
Innovation of Idea Presented	Essay offers a unique, inspired, creative idea.	Essay offers a generalized, ordinary idea.	Essay offers a mediocre idea.	No unique idea presented.	
Overall Writing and Grammar	<p>Writing is clear and showcases extensive knowledge and/or experience with the topic. Use of vivid words and phrases, as well as choice and placement of words seems accurate, natural, and not forced.</p> <p>All sentences are well constructed and have varied structure and length. The author makes no errors in grammar, mechanics and/or spelling.</p>	<p>Writing is fairly clear and knowledge and/or experience of the topic is evident. Choice and placement of words is inaccurate at times and/or seems overdone.</p> <p>Most sentences are well-constructed and have varied structure and length. The author makes a few errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling, but they do not interfere with understanding.</p>	<p>Writing is somewhat clear and knowledge and/or experience with the topic is limited. The author uses words that communicate clearly, but the writing lacks variety.</p> <p>Most sentences are well constructed, but they have a similar structure and/or length. Several errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling interferes with understanding.</p>	<p>Writing is unclear. The writer displays a limited vocabulary. Jargon or clichés may be present and detract from the meaning. Sentences are awkward or difficult to understand.</p> <p>Numerous errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling that interfere with understanding.</p>	
Followed Prompt Guidelines	Essay is within 750 to 1,000 words. The essay is typed in 12-point font, Times New Roman, and double-spaced. The document contains 1-inch margins on all sides, and page numbers are in the lower right corner. The title was original and reflected the topic of the essay. The full name, high school, and date are placed in the heading.	The essay followed most of the prompt guidelines.	The essay follows very few of the prompt guidelines.	The essay did not follow the prompt guidelines at all.	

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