Scholarships Paragraph Tips

**Paragraph 1**
Please describe in at least 7-10 sentences your financial need for the upcoming academic year. Identify the types of funding you plan to receive including personal/ family contributions, as well as any special circumstances.

Examples:
- Explain your current financial situation, as well as any special circumstances.
- How are you covering everyday expenses?
- Is your family able to support you financially? If so, explain how and to what extent.
- Do you receive financial help from anyone other than family members? If so, please explain.

**Paragraph 2**
Please describe in at least 7-10 sentences your academic goals and plans for achieving them. Include your prospective degree/certificate, timeline for completion and an explanation of how you plan to apply to your career of choice.

Examples:
- Are you the first in your family to attend college?
- What inspired you to pursue the degree/certificate you are currently majoring in?
- Explain your timeline in reaching your academic goal.
- Explain what career success looks like to you and how you plan to use your degree after graduating.

**Paragraph 3**
Please describe in at least 7-10 sentences your employment and/or campus extracurricular activities (clubs, organizations, athletic teams, etc.) OR your volunteer community service experience. Explain how you have demonstrated leadership skills.

Examples:
- Are you working? Explain what a day in your job is like. How do you show leadership skills in your position?
- Do you volunteer in the community? If so, explain what you do and what inspired you to serve your community.
- Are you involved in any student organizations? If so, explain to what extent and why you chose to be involved.
- Explain how a positive or negative experience shaped your leadership skills.

**Helpful Hints**
- Share your story. Talk about what made you who you are.
- Be positive, truthful, descriptive.
- Be yourself. Take the time to completely explain your circumstances.
- Write the answers to your paragraph questions in Word, then copy and paste to the scholarship database.
- Use spell check! Grammar, spelling and punctuation count.
- Have a friend or family member proofread your paragraph answers for grammatical errors.
- 7-10 sentences is a minimum

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