Essay Questions for State of Delaware Scholarships  
2015-2016 School Year

Essays are an important part of your scholarship application for state financial aid. Judges carefully review the essays to determine which students will receive each scholarship. Below you will find a copy of the essays questions for each available scholarship. Please use this as a guide to begin crafting your essays.

In January, you will be able to log onto the scholarship application and complete your applications. Please copy and paste your essays directly into the application. The Higher Education Office will not accept any essays that are dropped off, emailed, faxed or mailed to the office.

Essay questions are also posted on our website at:
http://dedoe.schoolwires.net/Page/316

Please contact the Delaware Higher Education Office at 302-735-4120 with additional questions.

Essay Questions for the following scholarships: Diamond State Scholarship, B. Bradford Barnes Memorial, Charles L. Hebner Memorial, Herman H. Holloway Sr. Memorial and all Professional Incentive Programs (Delaware Teacher Corps, Christa McAuliffe, Delaware Nursing, Ada Leigh Soles, Speech-Language Pathologist and Optometry).

Essays must be between 1000 and 1200 words. Essays falling outside of this range will disqualify the application. To ensure blind judging, do not include your name on your essay.

1. With the continuing economic challenges facing the U.S. and the international community, what strategies would you implement to ensure that the next generation will be able to afford college, find rewarding employment, and save for the future?

2. Every generation is different from the previous generation in important ways. How is your generation different from that of your parents? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your answer.
3. If you could invent something new, what product would you develop? Use specific details to explain why this invention is needed.

**Essay Questions for: First State Manufactured Housing Scholarship**

Essays of less than 500 words will be disqualified. To ensure blind judging, do not include your name on your essay.

Choose ONE topic and write an essay of at least 500 words (not including heading and footnotes):

1. Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, or risk you have taken and its impact on you.
2. Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you and describe that influence.

**Essay Questions for: Delaware Solid Waste Authority Scholarship**

Essays of more than 500 words will be disqualified. To ensure blind judging, do not include your name on your essay.

1. Write an essay of 500 words or less (not including heading and footnotes) on the topic, “What would you do to protect the environment?” State the problem and potential solutions.