

# 10 most common SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY TOPICS

**OVER 90%** OF ALL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY PROMPTS WERE RELATED TO ONE OF THESE 10 TOPICS

- 1 How will this scholarship help you?
- 2 How have you contributed to your community?  
(or other community service question)
- 3 Tell us about yourself.  
(or generic personal statement request)
- 4 Tell us about a time you failed and what you learned from it.
- 5 What are your academic and/or career goals?
- 6 What impact has sports had on your life?  
(or other athletics-related question)
- 7 Why do you deserve this scholarship?
- 8 Tell us about a time when you had a belief or idea challenged.  
[Similar to Common App prompt #3]
- 9 How are you unique? (Discuss your background, identity, interest, or talent)  
[Similar to Common App prompt #1]
- 10 Why do you want to study/pursue [X]?  
(For instance: science, nursing, medicine, computer science)