

Rubric for Essay One

Name of Applicant: _____

CATEGORY	4 - Above Standards	3 - Meets Standards	2 - Approaching Standards	1 - Below Standards	Score
Support for Position	Includes 3 or more pieces of evidence (facts, examples, real-life experiences) that support the position statement. The writer anticipates the reader's concerns, biases or arguments and has provided at least 1 counter-argument.	Includes 3 or more pieces of evidence (facts, examples, real-life experiences) that support the position statement.	Includes 2 pieces of evidence (facts, examples, real-life experiences) that support the position statement.	Includes 1 or fewer pieces of evidence (facts, examples, real-life experiences).	
Evidence and Examples	All of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the author's financial need	Most of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the author's financial need	At least one of the pieces of evidence and examples is relevant and has an explanation that shows how that piece of evidence supports the author's financial need	Evidence and examples are NOT relevant AND/OR are not explained.	
Grammar & Spelling	Author makes no errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Author makes 1-2 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Author makes 3-4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Author makes more than 4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	