

Scholarship Rubrics

Presented by The Peirce College Scholarship Committee

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General Essay Topic & Rubric

The essay should highlight the applicant's involvement in Peirce College or non-college activities, such as current employment, church, or community organizations.

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Quality of Response to Essay Prompt	<p>Essay does not address or respond to prompt given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific examples of the applicant's involvement in Peirce College or non-college activities 	<p>Essay somewhat addresses or responds to prompt given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 example of the applicant's involvement in Peirce College or non-college activities 	<p>Essay mostly addresses or responds to prompt given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-2 Adequate examples of the applicant's involvement in Peirce College or non-college activities 	<p>Essay thoroughly addresses or responds to prompt given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2+ Strong, detailed examples of the applicant's involvement in Peirce College or non-college activities
Quality of Conventions of Writing Used in Response to Essay	<p>Essay is not well written, grammatically.</p>	<p>Essay has some grammatical errors.</p>	<p>Essay has few grammatical errors.</p>	<p>Essay has no grammatical errors.</p>
Clarity of Thought or Message's Response	<p>Response to prompt was not easily understood by reader.</p>	<p>Response to prompt was somewhat understood by reader.</p>	<p>Response to prompt was mostly understood by reader.</p>	<p>Response to prompt was clearly stated thus totally understood by reader.</p>

General Letter of Recommendation Rubric

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Character and Maturity	<p>Letter does not address or respond to level of character or maturity of applicant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific examples of maturity No specific examples of positive character traits 	<p>Letter minimally addresses or responds to level of character or maturity of applicant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 example of maturity 1 example of a positive character traits 	<p>Letter adequately addresses or responds to level of character AND maturity of applicant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-2 Adequate examples of maturity 1-2 Adequate examples of positive character traits 	<p>Letter strongly addresses or responds to level of character AND maturity of applicant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2+ Strong examples of maturity with specific detail 2+ Strong examples of positive character traits with specific detail
Applicant as a person, compared to contemporaries	<p>Letter does not address the recommenders perception of the applicant as a person, compared to contemporaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific examples 	<p>Letter minimally addresses the recommenders perception of the applicant as a person, compared to contemporaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 example of strong the applicant compared to contemporaries 	<p>Letter adequately addresses the recommenders perception of the applicant as a person, compared to contemporaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-2 Adequate examples of the applicant compared to contemporaries 	<p>Letter strongly addresses the recommenders perception of the applicant as a person, compared to contemporaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2+ Strong examples of the applicant compared to contemporaries
Students Strengths	<p>Letter does not address or respond to the applicants strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific examples of their strengths 	<p>Letter minimally addresses or responds to the applicants strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 example of their strengths 	<p>Letter adequately addresses or responds to the applicants strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-2 Adequate examples of their strengths 	<p>Letter strongly addresses or responds to the applicants strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2+ Strong examples of their strengths with specific detail
Appropriateness of relationship to applicant regarding scholarship application	<p>Letter demonstrates no appropriate relationship to applicant regarding knowledge of character work ethic and/or their goals.</p>	<p>Letter demonstrates some appropriate relationship to applicant regarding knowledge of character work ethic and/or their goals.</p>	<p>Letter demonstrates an adequate appropriate relationship to applicant regarding knowledge of character work ethic and/or their goals.</p>	<p>Letter demonstrates a strong relationship to applicant regarding knowledge of character work ethic and/or their goals.</p>

The Dr. Arthur J. Lendo Endowed Scholarship

Essay Topic & Rubric

Applicants must submit a brief letter highlighting how they have used technology innovatively in a workplace or community setting.

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Quality of Response to Essay Prompt	<p>Essay does not address or respond to prompt given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific examples of the applicant's use of technology innovatively in a workplace or community setting 	<p>Essay somewhat addresses or responds to prompt given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 example of the applicant's use of technology innovatively in a workplace or community setting 	<p>Essay mostly addresses or responds to prompt given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-2 Adequate examples of the applicant's use of technology innovatively in a workplace or community setting 	<p>Essay thoroughly addresses or responds to prompt given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2+ Strong, detailed examples of the applicant's use of technology innovatively in a workplace or community setting
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W.W. Smith Essay Topic & Rubric

The scholarship essay must be one (1) page typed and respond to the following questions:

- What challenges do you face in pursuit of an education at Peirce College?
- How will you use this education for the betterment of yourself and the enrichment of others?

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Length	Essay exceeds the essay length requirement			Essay meets the essay length Requirement

W.W. Smith Letter of Recommendation Requirements & Rubric

Letters of recommendation should be submitted by a faculty member, community leader, and/or employer and address the following questions:

- What are your impressions of the candidate's character and maturity?
- How do you regard the applicant as a person, compared to contemporaries?
- What are the student's strengths?

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