



# SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE

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## SCHOLARSHIP SAMPLE RATING CRITERIA

### 1. GPA and Units Completed at CCSF

### 2. PERSONAL STATEMENT – No more than 500 words

#### Content

- Well-defined educational and career goals
- Discussion of significant steps taken to reach goals
- Well-developed explanation of related work or volunteer experience
- Explanation of excessive W's on transcript (full points if transcript has no W's)

### 3. Other Considerations

- Organization
- Creativity/Originality: candidate demonstrates character
- Grammar/Proofreading/Presentation

### 4. FACULTY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Academic performance
- Personal initiative and self-motivation
- Potential for growth in major field of study
- Reliability/Attendance
- Interpersonal Skills

### 5. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- First-generation college student
- Campus activities
- Community service/volunteer work
- Awards (high school, college)
- Employment (salary/hours/week)
- Caretaker commitments creating academic/financial hardship (single parent; number of dependents; sibling/elder care, etc.)
- Personal hardships/cultural adjustments
- Significant recent academic improvement
- A multi-dimensional picture of family background that offers insight into what makes the student unique

*Note: This is meant to gather a balanced view of a general student. It is unlikely that any one student will meet every one of these criteria. It may be better for a student to intentionally discuss the criteria that are met, rather than try to address every point on this list.*