Scholarship Essay Tip Sheet

Fast Facts:

- There is usually **less competition for scholarships that require an essay**—a little bit of work on your part pays off

- Students can **apply for multiple scholarships**—apply often and keep track of scholarships being offered at LBCC and other sites

- Sometimes scholarships can go un-awarded, **because nobody applies**

- LBCC has two scholarship cycles—**Fall and Spring**—Fall applications usually are awarded Winter Term and Spring applications are usually applied for the next Fall term

First Steps:

- **Read the scholarship thoroughly**
  - What is the essay question asking?
  - What is the **Topic**?
  - Who is the **Audience**?
  - What are the **Keywords** in the essay question?

- **The Three “Be’s”**
  - **Be Sincere** in your essay response—don’t fudge details, dates or descriptions
  - **Be Authentic**—you may not always know your audience, but you know yourself, your experiences and your dreams
  - **Be Presentable**—your essay represents who you are—have at least two people read your essay—one to read for grammar, spelling, and organization, the other to read to make sure that it is you

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