

# 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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