



# Do's and Don'ts

## of Scholarship Essay Writing

### Do...

✓ ... follow a narrative structure.

✓ ... make an outline beforehand.

✓ ... research the institution.

✓ ... present yourself in a positive light.

✓ ... check your grammar.

✓ ... use real life examples.

✓ ... follow the prompt.

✓ ... be clear and concise.

### Don't...

✗ ... use words from a thesaurus that are new to you.

✗ ... be generic.

✗ ... open your essay with a quote.

✗ ... use unnecessary words and tacky transitions.

✗ ... restate your resume. Always tell a unique story.

✗ ... say how much you need the money.