



Dr. Y’Vonne Benton “Classy” Grad Scholarship Essay Scoring Rubric

The grading criteria will be the same for each essay regardless of the topic chosen. The scoring rubric is as follows:

Points	10 Points	5 - 9 Points	0 - 4 Points	Total Points
Appearance	Student followed guidelines. Student demonstrated vast knowledge about expectations and requirements.	Student attempted to follow the guidelines. Student has some knowledge of the expectations and requirements.	Student did not follow the guidelines. Student shows no knowledge of the expectations and requirements.	
Organization	Paper has a clear and concise introduction and conclusion. Paper flows flawlessly. Transitions are obvious and appropriate.	Paper has an introduction and conclusion. Paper flows, but has some confusing areas. Not all ideas expressed are clear. There is some evidence of smooth transitions.	Paper has no clear introduction and/or conclusion. Paper is hard to follow and there is no evidence of any obvious of appropriate transitions.	
Validity	Student made at least 3 valid points. Evidence creates a strong argument.	Student made at least 3 points. Paper lacks evidence that would create a stronger argument.	Student had less than 3 points. Lacks any evidence that an argument was created or defended.	
Grammar	Paper is free of grammatical errors. Paper is an easy read.	Paper has a few grammatical and/or punctuation errors (Max errors 5) Paper is somewhat easy to follow.	Paper has several grammatical and/or punctuation errors (More than 6 errors). Paper is hard to follow.	
Grand Total				

