## <u>Scholarship</u> <u>Personal Essay</u>

## The local scholarship application requires a personal essay. Please read all directions before you get started.

- **1.** Make a plan before you begin writing your essay.
- **2.** Write a four-paragraph essay including the topics below. Your essay should not exceed two pages. Any additional pages written over 2 pages will be excluded. Your essay must be typed using Times New Roman, font size 12, single-spaced, and 1-inch margins all around the page. Students that don't follow these rules can be disqualified from the selection process.
  - **Paragraph # 1** Tell us about your college plans and career goals. Please include why you want to attend college. What major you think you will pursue? What career you see yourself in after college? How will you make a difference?
  - **Paragraph # 2-** Tell us about your family finances. Who do you live with? How will this scholarship help you? What other ways are you going to pay for college?
  - **Paragraph # 3** Are there any personal or family struggles that may help the scholarship committee better understand your life circumstances?
  - **Paragraph # 4** Is there anything else that you would like the scholarship committee to know about you. For example, have you faced any challenges in high school? Or what makes you unique?
- **3.** When you finish your essay please ask someone that will give you honest feedback to read it. Do not wait until the night before the due date to compose your essay.