

Reflection Questions & Examples

First Paragraph (100 words minimum and 300 words maximum):

1. Introduction
 - a. Who are you? (First Name only)
 - b. Where are you from?
 - c. What do you value?
2. Obstacles
 - a. What has been a significant challenge in your life?
 - b. How did you overcome this to attend college?

Insert above questions into the first box labeled “Reflection question: What challenges have you overcome to attend college?”

Example: My name is John and I am from Newberry, Michigan. I value hard work, honesty, and above all family. There have been many challenges in my life that I have had to overcome; however, my most difficult challenge was the day my grandfather passed away. He was a humble man who always encouraged me to reach my full potential. He never missed a chance to teach me about life....

Second Paragraph (100 words minimum and 300 words maximum):

1. Educational Goals
 - a. What is the purpose of attending college to you?
 - b. Why did you choose this field of study?
 - c. How will a scholarship help you achieve your educational goals?
2. Long-term Career Goals
 - a. What can/will you do with your degree?
 - b. How will a scholarship help you achieve your long-term career goals?

Insert above questions into the second box labeled “Reflection question: What are your educational and career goals and how will this scholarship help you achieve them?”

Example: I am attending Bay Mills Community College to obtain my Associates of Applied Science in Computer Technology. I have always been fascinated with computers and we live in a very technological society. A degree in this field will open numerous job opportunities for me...

Third Paragraph (100 words minimum and 300 words maximum):

2. Community Involvement

- a. What is your community involvement?
- b. What extra-curricular activities do you participate in?
- c. What volunteer activities do you participate in?

3. Community Impact

- a. How will your education affect your local community?
- b. What skills/knowledge will you gain from your education that you can use to help the Native American community?
- c. How do you plan to reciprocate the support and knowledge that you received from your community?

Insert above questions into the third box labeled “Reflection question: How will you use your education to impact your Native Nation or Indian Country?”

Example: I have been involved in multiple roles within my local community. Over the summer I like to volunteer at the local animal shelter, as well as help my tribal elders with their yard work. Having an education will further my role in our tribal society. I would like to get a job within a tribal entity and give back the knowledge I have gained through employment...

Fourth Paragraph (100 words minimum and 300 words maximum):

1. Heartfelt Thank You

- a. State how a scholarship would help you attain your goals.
- b. Thank the donors for donating funds to assist you with your higher education costs.

Insert above questions into the fourth box labeled “Please write a heartfelt Thank You Letter to our scholarship donors.”

Example: I would like to thank the donors for taking the time to review my essay. The funding that you provide will help me to obtain my degree and better my chances of employment in a field I am passionate about. Without your generosity I may not have had the opportunity to attend school...