

## OYFA EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP RUBRIC

Directions (for Board):

All board members and the Scholarship Endowment Committee must be present in the selection process. The selection committee will rate each application as a collaborative effort. Make sure names are removed from each application to ensure more objectivity. In the event of a tie, the discretionary question should hold a little more weight in making the final decision. Please use this rubric as a guideline for your selection of the winner of the scholarship. **Max Points: 25**

**1. Financial Need Box (Yes or No) [either 0 or 3]**

- a. On your honor, do you think you are in need of financial aid?
- b. Explanation box (optional) i.e. if you have other siblings in college or private school, financial changes due to COVID-19, parents' income

**2. OYFA enthusiasm and dedication essay [1-5]**

Describe what OYFA means to you and its impact during your first year?

- 5 - Statement is well-organized, detailed, and directly related to the question. The applicant presents a unique and carefully thought answer that demonstrates enthusiasm and dedication for the organization. The applicant highlights specific contributions to the organization and how it has impacted their experience at UVA.
- 4 - Statement is slightly lacking in relevance and organization. The applicant presents a carefully thought out answer that highlights some experiences with OYFA and the impacts of these experiences.
- 3 - Statement needs work on organization and staying on task. Details are lacking and do not show specific contributions to and impacts of OYFA.
- 2 - Statement's lack of organization and details gets in the way of understanding the statement. The applicant presents an unclear and irrelevant answer that does not shed a light on their experiences with OYFA.
- 1 - Statement is left unanswered.

**3. Academic excellence [1-5]**

Describe a recent accomplishment in your academic experience that you are proud of.

- 5 - Statement is well-organized, detailed, and stays on task. The applicant presents a unique and carefully thought out answer that stands out. The applicant highlights their growth, change, or work ethic throughout experience or accomplishment as a student.
- 4 - Statement is mostly organized yet might need some work on providing details and remaining on task. The applicant presents a carefully thought out answer that highlights their strengths throughout experience or accomplishment as a student.
- 3 - Statement needs work on organization and staying on task. Details are lacking and do not contribute to the highlights of their experience or accomplishment as a student.
- 2 - Statement's lack of organization and details gets in the way of understanding the statement. The applicant presents an unclear and irrelevant answer that does not shed a light on their accomplishments as a student.
- 1 - Statement is left unanswered.

**4. Extracurriculars/Work [1-3]**

List some extracurricular activities or work experiences outside of OYFA that you are currently involved in or have been involved in the 2022-2023 academic year and briefly describe your role in each.

- 3 - Statement is well-organized, detailed, and stays on task. The applicant demonstrates involvement in a wide range of extracurricular activities or depth in extracurricular involvement.
- 2 - Statement is organized but could use more details. The applicant expresses limited involvement in extracurricular activities or is unable to expand on their role in the activity.
- 1 - The applicant does not demonstrate any extracurricular involvement.

**5. Community service essay [1-3]**

Describe one way you have impacted your community.

- 3 - Statement is well-organized, detailed, and stays on task. The applicant presents a very unique and carefully thought out answer that stands out. The applicant highlights a specific example of how they have impacted their community and the importance of this experience.
- 2 - Statement is organized but could use more details. The applicant displays an example of a way they impacted their community, but does not demonstrate importance or significance of impact.
- 1 - The applicant does not demonstrate a significant impact on their community, and is lacking in details.

**6. Leadership essay [1-3]**

Describe one experience in which you have demonstrated leadership qualities.

- 3 – Statement is well-organized, detailed, and stays on task. The applicant presents a unique and carefully thought out answer that stands out. The applicant demonstrates many key characteristics and values of a leader such as good communication skills, determination, responsibility, etc.
- 2 – Statement is organized but could use more details. The applicant demonstrates some key characteristics and values of a leader such as good communication skills, determination, responsibility, etc.
- 1 – Lack of organization and details gets in the way of a clear understanding of the statement. The applicant does not demonstrate key characteristics and values of a leader.

**7. Discretionary Question [1-3]**

The theme of Barrio this year is Maunawaan Ako: Understand Me. The theme of Barrio this year is Maunawaan Ako (Understand Me). Recount a time where you felt misunderstood. How did you overcome this challenge? How does your time in OYFA help you to better comprehend the impact of this misunderstanding or yourself, overall?

- 3 – Statement is well-organized, detailed, and stays on task. The applicant presents a very unique and carefully thought out answer that stands out. The applicant highlights the importance and personal connection that they have to their culture.
- 2 – Statement is organized but could use more details. The applicant presents an idea that is unoriginal and highlights the importance of their culture.
- 1 – Lack of organization and details gets in the way of a clear understanding of the statement. The applicant does not demonstrate finding clarity nor any importance.