

2027 LWV-NCC Scholarship Application Evaluation Rubric

This rubric is designed to evaluate scholarship applications consistently and fairly. Each criterion is rated on a scale of 1 to 5.

Application # _____ Evaluator Initials _____ Date _____

CRITERIA	EXCELLENT (5)	GOOD (4)	SATISFACTORY (3)	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT (2)	POOR (1)
Academic Achievement (GPA & Coursework) 4pt scale	GPA: 3.8+ Strong academic honors or advanced coursework	GPA: 3.4-3.7 Some honors or advanced coursework	GPA: 2.7-3.3 Meets standard; minimal honors/advanced courses; shows growth	GPA: 2.6 and below Below standard; limited growth	Below standard; little to no growth
Quality of Essay	Exceptionally clear, compelling, well-written; original, authentic voice Responds to entire prompt Includes citations if referencing sources	Clear and well-written with good insights Mostly responds to the prompt	Adequate attempt but lacks depth or clarity Uses sources but without citations	Unclear or underdeveloped; lacking clarity Inadequate response to the prompt	Poorly written/communicated, rambling, or off-topic, lacking organization Evidence that writing is not the student's own
Civic Engagement (from Personal Statement)	Extensive leadership/service with clear, measurable impact	Active participation with some leadership roles	Occasional civic involvement	Minimal civic involvement	No evidence of civic involvement or leadership
Application Completion	Received on time with all requested documentation				Application incomplete or received after deadline NOT REVIEWED
COMMITTEE USE ONLY Letters of Recommendation (2 Required; 1 <u>must</u> be from an advisor, teacher or administrator) Deadline 3/15/27	Strong, detailed, enthusiastic endorsements; clear personal connection to student	Positive with relevant specific examples	General support but lacking depth or detail	Vague, generic, or "stock" letters	No or poor recommendations; no evidence of real knowledge of applicant

Scoring Guide

Total Possible Score:	20 points
18-20 points: Strong Candidate	
16-17 points: Consider	
14-15 points: Possible Consideration	
13 points & below: Not Recommended	
TOTAL SCORE:	_____