

## Appendix: Scoring Guidelines

### Student Resumes

Activities (Max 3 Activities = 6 points)

- 1 or 2 points per activity sponsored by regional, state, or national organizations in the student's field of interest
- Agriculture applicants: 2 points for farm or agricultural work
- 1 point for membership, 1 additional point for leadership/elected office

Research/Study Experiences (Max 3 Experiences = 6 points)

- 1 or 2 points per experience related to field of interest
- 1 point for regular curriculum assignments
- 1 additional point for outstanding accomplishment, work beyond course requirements, or submission to competitions

Honors/Recognitions (Max 3 Items = 6 points)

- 1 or 2 points per honor, based on local committee criteria

### Student Essays

The rubric below guides the scoring of **both** essays.

- Personal statement: same prompt for all applicants
- Program-specific: multiple prompts may be offered; all are equally valued

Scoring:

- Max: 6 points *per reader*
  - Composition: 4 points
  - Mechanics: 2 points
- Use whole numbers only (range: 0-6)

<b>Composition</b>	<b>0 – 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>Central Idea/Position</i>	Missing	Unclear	Weak	Strong
<i>Evidence/Details</i>	Unclear	Minimal	Adequate	Precise/Relevant
<i>Organization/Unity</i>	Lacking	Random/Many digressions	Lapses/ Some digressions	Logical/Unified
<i>Word Choice</i>	Lacking	Limited	Some Specificity	Highly Specific
<b>Mechanics</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	
<i>Sentence Structure</i>	Weak	Some variety	Varied	
<i>Usage</i>	Incorrect	Some incorrect	Consistently correct	
<i>Mechanics</i>	Incorrect	Some incorrect	Consistently correct	