

**Halston'sHope Foundation Scholarship Application Scoring Rubric**

**Applicant:**

	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>QUESTION 1: What obstacles and challenges have you experienced and how did you overcome these challenges?</b>	Question is left unanswered or response does not adequately address the question.	Response includes a vague example of a life challenge. Problem solving appears simplistic or surface level.	Response includes a well-described example of a challenge and how applicant overcame it, but problem solving is simplistic.	Multiple meaningful life challenges have been described and response demonstrates insightful and productive ways of overcoming them. Applicant's experiences have fostered growth and self-awareness.
<b>QUESTION 2: Why have you chosen the specific education path?</b>	Question is left unanswered or response does not adequately address the question.	Response includes a reason for choosing the animal industry, but does not connect to personal strengths and experiences or exhibit passion for animals.	Response demonstrates a well-thought out reason for choosing the animal industry, and a passion for animals <b>or</b> a connection to applicant's strengths and experiences.	Response clearly demonstrates a well-thought out reason for choosing the animal industry, passion for animals, and connection to applicant's strengths and experiences. Applicant seems very likely to follow through with this path.
<b>QUESTION 3: What can one do to find happiness, joy, contentment, or peace during difficult life circumstances?</b>	Question is left unanswered or response does not adequately address the question.	Response describes one thoughtful way in which one could find peace in the midst of hardship. May be more personal than empathetic.	Response describes at least two thoughtful, empathetic, and compassionate ways in which one could find peace in the midst of hardship.	Response describes three or more thoughtful, empathetic, and compassionate ways in which both self and others can find peace, joy, etc. in the midst of hardship. Response indicates a willingness to help both self and others.
<b>QUESTION 4: In what ways do you take care of yourself and boost your wellbeing?</b>	Question is left unanswered or response does not adequately address the question.	Response vaguely demonstrates the applicant's awareness of the need for self-care, but does not include steps likely to be successful.	Response clearly demonstrates the applicant's awareness of the need for self-care, but steps to do so are vague, unrelated, or unattainable.	Response clearly demonstrates the applicant's awareness of the need for and integration of self-care, describing thoughtful steps likely to be successful during stressful times.
<b>QUESTION 5: Why should you be chosen for this scholarship?</b>	Question is left unanswered or response does not adequately address the question.	Response includes reasons that demonstrate 1 of 3: the applicant's need/merit, passion for animals, or willingness to promote positive change in the area of mental health.	Response includes reasons that demonstrate 2 of 3: the applicant's need/merit, passion for animals, or willingness to promote positive change in the area of mental health.	Response includes reasons that clearly demonstrate the applicant's need/merit, passion for animals, and willingness to promote positive change in the area of mental health. Appears likely to succeed in school.
<b>QUESTION 6: Give one example of a time that you portrayed kindness to someone.</b>	Question is left unanswered or response does not adequately address the question.	Response includes a vague example of kindness offered to someone in need but does not explain how it made a difference to the recipient.	Response includes a clear example of kindness and empathy offered to someone in need and includes how the applicant knows it made a difference to the recipient.	Response includes an example that clearly exhibits applicant's desire to reach out to others with kindness and empathy, even in situations where kindness would perhaps be more challenging. Includes how it made a difference to the recipient.

**Total Score:**

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