

## ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP

# Rubric for Judging Submissions

The rubric is meant to help applicants understand how their submissions will be judged and what will impress the judges. The overall strength of the application, based on the parameters below, will determine the winners.

## PARENT CONSENT FORM

- Parent Consent Form filled out and submitted

## VIDEO SUBMISSION

- Video parameters
  - Video length is 1–2 minutes
  - Video file type formatted as MP4 and submitted as a downloadable file via Dropbox or Google Drive link
  - Video quality is clear and free of shakiness, unnecessary edits, or distracting cuts
  - Video background and applicant appearance are neat and tidy
  - Audio quality is good and free of background noise, feedback, or other distracting elements
- Presentation Style
  - Student is articulate and thoughtful in expression; minimal pauses, hesitation, or interruptions
  - Voice is strong and confident
  - Body language exhibits professionalism and assists message
  - Overall demeanor is energetic and poised
- Quality of Content
  - Content shared is interesting, original, and thoughtful
  - Applicant fully explains favorite part of an Academy course
  - Information shared is coherent and easy to follow
  - Student is an effective storyteller, with both a compelling story and manner

## ESSAY SUBMISSION

- Essay Parameters
  - Essay is 200–400 words in length
  - Essay file type formatted as .PDF, .DOC, or .DOCX and submitted as a downloadable file via Dropbox or Google Drive link
  - Essay submitted as a double-spaced document with Times New Roman font
- Educational, Professional, and Spiritual Growth

- Student shares specific stories/instances that exemplify growth
- Clear connection explained between the growth described and an HSLDA Online Academy course
- Growth is sincere and genuine
- Clarity of Thought and Style
  - Paragraphs are well-developed, cohesive, and engaging, with topic and concluding sentences for each paragraph
  - Language used is interesting and varied
  - Tone exhibits professionalism but retains student’s style
  - Student adheres to proper conventions of grammar

### SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT SUBMISSION

- Special Achievement Parameters
  - Achievement is academic, volunteer, or competitive in nature
  - Achievement occurred during the 2019–20 academic year
  - Documentation submitted as a PDF, .DOC, .DOCX, PNG, JPEG, MP3, or MP4 as a downloadable file via Dropbox or Google Drive
  - If achievement was volunteer or intangible in nature, contact information for an organization representative who can confirm the experience included in documentation is required (please note that references may or may not be checked)
- Excellence
  - Excellence of work is clearly demonstrable with applicant impact clearly illustrated
  - Achievement is interesting and unusual
  - Applicant communicates nature of the achievement and the unusual features in the medium they choose

### ADDITIONAL DETERMINING FACTORS

- HSLDA Online Academy course performance
- Timeliness of HSLDA Online Academy course work submissions
- Information shared by instructors
- Other information stored by HSLDA Online Academy