
Extending The Branch – Stated With Pride Scholarship Evaluation Rubric

Total Possible Score: 100 points

1. Essay Content – 60 points

Evaluates depth, authenticity, flow, and connection to the theme;

“What inclusivity means to you.”

A. Authenticity & Personal Experience – 25 points

- **21–25:** Deeply personal, vulnerable, or reflective; demonstrates lived experience or meaningful allyship; feels genuine and original
- **16–20:** Personal elements present but not deeply explored; mostly authentic
- **11–15:** Some personal insight but largely surface-level or generalized
- **0–10:** Minimal personal connection; vague or generic statements

B. Clarity, Organization & Flow – 20 points

- **17–20:** Essay is well-structured, cohesive, and easy to follow; strong transitions
- **13–16:** Mostly organized with minor lapses in flow
- **8–12:** Some structure but inconsistent or choppy
- **0–7:** Difficult to follow; lacks clear organization

C. Depth of Thought & Connection to Inclusivity – 15 points

- **13–15:** Demonstrates strong insight into inclusivity; thoughtful, nuanced, and reflective
- **10–12:** Solid understanding with some depth
- **6–9:** Basic understanding; limited depth
- **0–5:** Minimal or unclear connection to inclusivity

2. Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation – 10 points

- **9–10:** Very few or no errors; polished writing
- **7–8:** Minor errors that do not affect readability
- **4–6:** Noticeable errors but meaning is still clear

- **0–3:** Frequent errors that interfere with understanding
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3. Completeness of Application – 10 points

Evaluates whether the applicant submitted all required components:

- Cover page with:
 - Name
 - Optional pronouns
 - Age
 - School
 - GPA
 - Hometown
 - “About Me” section
 - 5-Year Plan section
- 500+ word essay
- Contact information

Scoring:

- **10:** All components included and well-presented
 - **7–9:** One minor component missing or incomplete
 - **4–6:** Multiple missing elements
 - **0–3:** Significant omissions
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4. Five-Year Plan – 20 points

Evaluates clarity, ambition, and alignment with personal growth or community impact.

- **17–20:** Clear, thoughtful, realistic plan with meaningful goals; shows direction and purpose
 - **13–16:** Solid plan with some detail; goals mostly clear
 - **8–12:** General or vague plan; limited detail
 - **0–7:** Minimal effort; unclear or missing plan
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Scoring Summary Table

<u>Category</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Points</u>
Essay Content	60%	/60
Grammar/Punctuation	10%	/10
Completeness	10%	/10
Five-Year Plan	20%	/20
Total	100%	/100
