

## Century College Foundation Scholarship Essay Questions

Question 1. Tell us about yourself (please include your background and what led you to Century College)

**This section is to give the committee a sense of who you are and what is special about you. Things you can cover are...**

- ★ What brought you here?
- ★ Why are you here at Century and why did you choose the path you are taking?
- ★ How did you get where you are today?
- ★ Why did you pick the major you are pursuing?
- ★ Was there a life changing moment that led you here?
- ★ What life experiences have shaped who you are today?

Question 2. Tell us about your academic and career goals.

**This section is designed for you to explain to the reviewer what your dreams are once you finish your degree. Short and long term. Possible things to talk about are....**

- ★ What have been your lifelong aspirations?
- ★ What will it take to achieve your academic and career goals (degrees needed, experience needed, time needed, etc)?
- ★ How will your education help you accomplish your dreams?
- ★ Do you have related extracurricular and/ or volunteer activities, on or off campus?
- ★ What are your plans for the future?
- ★ What will you do once you achieve these goals?
- ★ How do you see your goals helping your community?
- ★ What personal qualities will help you achieve your goals?

Question 3. Describe an obstacle you've overcome or discuss your greatest achievement.

**This section is to share your resiliency and demonstrate how you will continue to be successful when faced with barriers in the future. Things you can talk about...**

- ★ How did you overcome a difficult obstacle you have faced and what did you learn from it?
- ★ Why does your greatest achievement mean so much to you?
- ★ What are moments you have been proud of?
- ★ Are there any special circumstances that will make achieving your goals difficult?
- ★ What qualities helped you overcome an obstacle?

Question 4. How will this scholarship help you? Please talk about any financial need you might have.

**This section is for reviewers to know about your financial situation. Be as specific as possible. Possible things to talk about are...**

- ★ What exactly are your financial barriers?
- ★ What will this scholarship help you with?
- ★ How will this scholarship help you financially to achieve your goals?
- ★ What financial barriers do you know you are going to face in the near future?
- ★ What would winning this scholarship mean to you?
- ★ Why is this scholarship important for you to attend college?
- ★ If you are not eligible for FAFSA or do not fill one out, why is that?

Question 5. OPTIONAL. Is there anything else you would like to add that was not covered in the last four questions?

**This section is to help set you apart in ways you have not. It can be used in different ways. It is optional, but possible things to talk about are...**

- ★ Why do you deserve this scholarship?
- ★ What community involvement do you have?
- ★ What are you passionate about/ what are your hobbies?
- ★ What are your values (Ex. Family, social justice, giving back, etc.)?
- ★ What are important qualities that you have?
- ★ Do you have any certificates or awards that you want to share?
- ★ Why are your goals important?
- ★ In conclusion...