

## **WASBO SCHOLARSHIP SCORING GUIDE**

1. PERSONAL LETTER (0-7 POINTS)  
An outstanding response would have the following characteristics:
  - A. Is realistic and relevant in terms of the student's stated interests, talents and skills
  - B. Well-written in terms of organization, grammar, spelling and addresses the WASBO Scholarship committee rather than a generic letter
  - C. Clearly states career and goal objectives, reflecting an achievement orientation as opposed to a wish list
  - D. Reveals a capacity for reflection and vision
  - E. Signed Letter
  
2. ACADEMICS (0-7 POINTS)
  - A. Ranking in class is in the top 10% - 15%
  - B. Coursework indicates rigor in the curriculum
  - C. Coursework taken ties into career objectives and goals
  
3. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (0-7 POINTS)
  - A. The student participated in a variety of activities over the course of several years and demonstrates excellence through awards, recognition and leadership
  - B. Four years in a few activities along with leadership roles should earn higher points than with singleton multiple activities
  
4. COMMUNITY SERVICE AND/OR EMPLOYMENT (0-7 POINTS)
  - A. Participation was in a variety of activities OR in a few continuous activities. (i.e., Volunteered consistently over several years for the same activity should be given more points than singleton activities)
  - B. Describes work activities in which they participated
  
5. ESSAY (0-8 POINTS)
  - A. Evidence of Required interview with District Business Manager, Bookkeeper or Superintendent
  - B. Answered question as it pertains specifically to the student's District
  - C. Well thought out explanation and implication of the revenue cap impact on their District rather than just a listing of budget cuts
  - D. Well-written in terms of organization, grammar and spelling.
  - E. Thought provoking and reflective on how revenue caps have impacted education
  
6. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (Each 0-3 POINTS)  
*This letter is required to be from someone within the student's school district.*
  - A. The letter was written specifically for the WASBO Scholarship
  - B. The extent to which the writer provides specific examples of the student's attributes
  - C. Evidence of unusual or remarkably distinctive qualities
  - D. The extent to which the writer knows the applicant to make the claims being made
  
7. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (0-3 POINTS)  
*This letter is required to be from a Community Member or Employer.*
  - A. The letter was written specifically for the WASBO Scholarship
  - B. The extent to which the writer provides specific examples of the student's attributes
  - C. Evidence of unusual or remarkably distinctive qualities
  - D. The extent to which the writer knows the applicant to make the claims being made
  
8. OVERALL QUALITY OF APPLICATION (0-8 POINTS)
  - A. Applicant has totally followed the Application requirements
  - B. Consider the extent to which the total picture of the student matches WASBO's criteria
  - C. Overall leadership, citizenship, service and involvement
  - D. Academic record for probable success in postsecondary education

***TOTAL OF 0-50 POINTS***

FINANCIAL AID statement if given should be noted and may be used for consideration but no points will be given.