



Scholarship Essay Instructions

Please be prepared to upload an essay that answers the following three prompts:

1. How do you feel that being Deaf/Hard of Hearing has impacted your life?
2. Tell us what you hope your life looks like in one year **and** in 10 years.
3. How do you believe that you will achieve your short-term and long-term goals?

***There are two format options:**

Essay option 1 (open to all applicants):

Your essay may be typed and no more than two pages. Please upload your document as a PDF or Word document.

Essay option 2 (for student whose primary language is ASL):

Nevada Hands & Voices wants equal access for all deaf/hard of hearing students. As such, if your primary language is some form of sign language, Nevada Hands & Voices will allow a video essay. The question is the same for both options. Please review the criteria for video essay submission.

Criteria for video essay (presented in sign only)

- Sign Language must be your primary language
- The video should be 15-20 minutes
- The background in the video needs to be plain (e.g., a bare wall)
- Your clothing should be plain absent of designs/words
- Review your video to ensure you are framed well so your signs are visually clear, and your hands are within the frame
- Visual aids and/or props are not acceptable
- Please stand while presenting your essay

Any video essays will be submitted by copying the URL into the online application. To accomplish this, you can either (1) upload the video to YouTube, unlisted, and title the video with your name and sign language/system that is being used [e.g., James Smith, ASL] or you can (2) upload the video to Google Drive and use the share link.