

Armenian Professional Society: 2024 Graduate Student Scholarship Scoring Rubric

	Below Average (1)	Average (2)	Above Average (3)	Excellent (4)	Superior (5)
Armenian Community Involvement (Résumé)	Little demonstrated involvement.	Minimal demonstrated involvement.	Demonstrated involvement, standing commitment.	Demonstrated involvement, standing commitment and affirmation of this as an integral part of professional life.	Highly valuable community involvement, concrete future planning, exceptional in all respects.
Grades, Academic Excellence	Neither under-performs nor excels in academic studies.	Performs well in academic studies.	Possesses an excellent academic track record.	Possesses an impressive academic track record, distinguishing academic honors.	Possesses an impressive academic track record, distinguishing academic honors, and key extracurricular commitments.
Essay 1	Applicant presents a disjointed story of what drove them to pursue their academic interests. The discussion is difficult to follow and personal connection to their interests was not established. Consistent writing mistakes or incoherency.	Applicant presents a story of what drove them to pursue their academic interests. The discussion may be somewhat disjointed, and personal commitment to academics is not made clear. Some writing mistakes. Essay does not read/flow well.	Applicant presents a good story of what drove them to pursue their academic interests including their scholarly dispositions and the environmental factors that influenced it. The discussion is clear, and personal commitment to academics is communicated. Few writing mistakes. Essay generally reads well, with some areas needing refinement.	Applicant presents a compelling story of what drove them to pursue their academic interests including their scholarly dispositions and the environmental factors that influenced it. The discussion is clear and direct, and conveys the importance of these academic pursuits to the reader in context. Writer exhibits the ability to think through complex issues with realistic solutions. Writing is concise and reads well, with very few mistakes.	Applicant presents an exceptionally moving and compelling story of what drove them to pursue their academic interests including their scholarly dispositions and the environmental factors that influenced it. The discussion is linked in a unique way that makes the applicant's journey feel like more than the sum of its parts. A deep passion for academic pursuits is clearly established and supported. Applicant demonstrates near-perfect diction and writing prowess. Essay is clear and follows a carefully planned discussion, which is presented in an unequaled manner.
Essay 2	Applicant describes a contribution to the Armenian Community that is unrealistic or unimportant. A discussion of the benefits of such a contribution needs more explanation. Applicant does not incorporate this as an aspect of their professional life. Consistent writing mistakes or incoherency.	Applicant describes a contribution to the Armenian Community that is linked to a lofty plan. A discussion of the benefits of such a contribution needs more explanation. Applicant recognizes challenges, but may disregard inherent flaws. Some writing mistakes. Essay does not read/flow well.	Applicant describes an impactful contribution to the Armenian Community that is linked to a lofty plan. A discussion of the potential benefits of such a contribution is linked into their discussion. Applicant recognizes challenges, but may offer minor fixes. Applicant demonstrates a sense of personal drive and obligation to the community. Few writing mistakes. Essay generally reads well, with some areas needing refinement.	Applicant clearly describes an impactful contribution to the Armenian Community that is linked to a reasonable and feasible plan. A discussion of the potential benefits of such a contribution is linked well into their discussion. Applicant recognizes the presence of challenges they may face and offers solutions. Applicant demonstrates a good sense of personal drive and obligation to the community. Writing is concise and reads well, with very few mistakes.	Applicant clearly and accurately describes an impactful contribution to the Armenian Community that is linked to a reasonable and feasible plan. A clean and easily understandable discussion of the potential benefits of such a contribution is linked seamlessly. Applicant demonstrates mature thinking by analyzing surmountable or insurmountable challenges they may face and offers rational solutions to them. Applicant demonstrates a strong sense of personal drive and obligation to the community. Applicant demonstrates near-perfect diction and writing prowess. Essay is clear and follows a carefully planned discussion, which is presented in an unequaled manner.
Letter(s) of Recommendation	Letter does little to support the applicant.	Letter supports the applicant in a sufficient manner.	Letter is supportive of the applicant and ensures the applicant has a good professional track record.	Letter is strongly supportive of the applicant and presents them in a positive light with demonstrated strong considerations.	Letter presents compelling evidence why the applicant exceeds in all respects with key examples that set this applicant apart and exemplify their character.
Financial Need/Hardship	Minimal/no financial need or hardship.	Some financial need or hardship demonstrated.	Significant financial need or hardship demonstrated.	Highly significant financial need or hardship demonstrated.	Rare/unique situations that demand strong consideration.