



Youth Tour Essay Rubric

Each category will be scored on a scale of 1 to 5

1 = needs improvement, 5 = excellent

Total possible points: 25

Essay Prompt:

Why is it important to be involved in your community and how does that prepare you to be a future leader?

1. Understanding of Community Involvement (1–5 points)

Evaluates how clearly the student explains why community involvement matters.
Looks for thoughtful reasoning, examples, and personal connection.

2. Connection to Leadership Development (1–5 points)

Measures how well the student explains the link between community participation and becoming a future leader. Should show growth, skills, and awareness.

3. Organization and Structure (1–5 points)

Assesses if the essay has a clear introduction, body, and conclusion. Ideas should flow logically from point to point.

4. Creativity and Original Voice (1–5 points)

Rewards originality, personal insight, and engaging writing. Should reflect the student's unique perspective.

5. Grammar, Mechanics, and Clarity (1–5 points)

Considers spelling, punctuation, sentence structure, and clarity. Writing should be polished and easy to read.

Total Score: ____ / 25

Judges' comments: