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## Scholarship Essay Review Exercise

This exercise will help you refine your essay and ensure it covers all of the aspects needed for an Evergreen scholarship application. The committees reviewing your application materials will only know the information you provide them, so it is recommended to have one or more other people answer these questions about your essay, but you can also use them to review your writing yourself – or even better, do both through multiple revisions!

At minimum, your essay should address the first question, but it's okay if not all of the following questions apply to your story. Still, consider what gaps exist and if you would like to expand or reconfigure the content of your essay to include those pieces.

### **Content revision questions:**

1. What is the author studying, and why did they choose that career, subject, or class?
  - a. What do they plan to do after graduation?
  - b. Why did they choose to attend Evergreen?
  
2. What is the author's experience in serving the community? This could be volunteering, professional work, independent projects, or even future goals.

3. What accomplishments has the author achieved in their academic, personal, and/or professional life?

4. What other questions do you have for the author?
- a. What is unclear, or needs supporting details?
  - b. What pieces did you want to read more about?

**Mood, tone, and theme revision questions:**

There are no correct answers here, but it helps the author know how the reader interprets their words, and if that aligns with their intent.

1. What mood is the author conveying in their essay? Ex. Somber, cheerful, professional, etc.
- a. If multiple moods are coming through, do they flow as their essay progresses or do they conflict and confuse the reader?

2. What themes are coming through in their essay? Ex. Perseverance and overcoming hardship, academic achievement, curiosity and creativity, etc.