Category	Criteria					
	Poor (Range 1-10)	Fair (Range 11-20)	Good (Range 21- 30)	Very Good (31-40)	Excellent (41-50)	Score
Essay	Little to no effort expended	Poor quality writing. Not supportive of essay requirement.	Fair quality writing. Content complete but unremarkable.	Above average writing. Content complete. Content interesting and descriptive.	Excellent writing. Content complete, interesting, descriptive, imaginative, compelling.	
Comm & Volunteer	Poor (1-2)	Fair (3-4)	Good 5-6)	Very Good (7-8)	Excellent (9-10)	
Activities	None	1 or more examples of community involvement, volunteer work or job experience	2 or more examples, with no unique or leadership roles	2 or more examples, with leadership roles	2 or more recent and above average community services with leadership and extended roles.	
School activities	Poor (1-2)	Fair (3-4)	Good 5-6)	Very Good (7-8)	Excellent (9-10)	
	No extracurricular activities with no extenuating circumstances	1 extracurricular activity	2 extracurricular activities	3 extracurricular activities with dedicated involvement	4 extracurricular activities with dedicated involvement and/or leadership roles	
Education and Career	Poor (Range 1-2)	Fair (Range 3-4)	Good (Range 5-6)	Very Good (7-8)	Excellent (9-10)	
Objectives	Little to no effort	Poor quality writing, vague goals.	Content complete. No supportive details.	Content complete. Supportive info included	Excellent objectives with detailed, well-thought out goals.	
Letter of	Poor (1)	Fair (2)	Good (3)	Very Good (4)	Excellent (5)	
recommendation	Letter shows unremarkable support of candidate	Letter shows support of candidate, but does not show in-depth knowledge of candidate.	Letters show support and understanding of candidate.	Letters show enthusiastic support and in-depth understanding of candidate.	Excellent and highly supportive with a detailed, in-depth understanding of candidate	
	Poor (1)	Fair (2)	Good (3)	Very Good (4)	Excellent (5)	
ACT/GPA/Transcript	ACT: below 21 SAT<980/1600 GPA:>3.0 Transcript:	ACT: 21-22 SAT: 980-1050/1600 GPA:>3.2 Transcript: No A/P or Honors	ACT: 23 SAT: 1060-1080/1600 GPA:>3.5 Transcript: College Prep	ACT: 24-25 SAT: 1090-1160/1600 GPA:>3.6 Transcript: Honors or A/P	ACT: above 25 SAT>1160/1600 GPA:>3.8+ Transcript: Honors and A/P	
	1 activity – (2	2 activities = (4)	3 activities = (6)	4 activities – (8)	5 activities = (10)	

	Low (Range 0-5)	(Range 6-10)	Moderate (11-15)	(Range 16-20)	High (21-25)	
Responsibilities and	Has no expenses or	Working part-time.	Working part-time.	Working part-time. Has	Working part-time.	
Financial Need	circumstances that	Has limited expenses or	Has some expenses or	expenses or	Has significant expenses	
	create a financial need	circumstances that	circumstances that	circumstances that	or circumstances that	
	Limited, if any,	create a financial need.	create a financial need.	create a financial need	create a financial need.	
	additional	Has limited family	Has some family	Has family	Has significant family	
	responsibilities.	responsibilities,	responsibilities,	responsibilities,	responsibilities,	
		explanation provided.	explanation provided.	explanation provided.	explanation provided.	
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Reviewer	Total score