

(20 pts) Approx. 3 days

For the remainder of our semester, the college work will focus on writing essays for future scholarships. During the spring semester, there are a wide range of scholarships that we'll apply to. Historically, Lathrop Engineering students do very well with these scholarships, and I think a large part of that is that we write the essays early on so that while your peers are stressing over scholarship applications, you can simply spend time putting things in envelopes. Good work and preparation now while your schedule is a little less hectic can make for great success next semester.

I really do think that senior design students such as yourselves should be graduating from Lathrop with at least one "free" option for college. You have enough experiences and successes on your resumes that at least one college – even if it's UAF – should be willing to give you a free undergraduate education. A big part of making that possible is applying to as many scholarships as you can to ensure that your college costs are covered if you want them to be. We'll start that work here and see it payoff (literally) next semester.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT WHEN WRITING SCHOLARSHIP ESSAYS:

1. **Spelling & Grammar Count!** As you write your essays, pay attention to the quality of your writing. You should be writing as well as you would if you wanted to impress Ms. Bouta, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Stoddard, and Mr. Brown. You've had a great writing education here at Lathrop, and now's the time to flex those muscles. *Write well*, and give yourself time to edit and revise.
2. **Word Count Counts!** If a wealthy donor wants to give money to college students, they want to give it to a college student that *cares*. To demonstrate that you care, you should always be within 95% of the allowed word count.
3. **SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY 1:** There are many scholarships offered through UAF, and many of them are targeted at specific groups of students. Below is the essay prompt for one such scholarship:



Christina's Hope Memorial Scholarship

"For incoming freshmen from Lathrop High School in Fairbanks who have financial need. Complete a 1,000-word essay addressing the following: What do you consider the largest current social problem plaguing Fairbanks today, and list 3-5 possible solutions for it. How could you be part of one solution?"

4. **SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY 2:** Other essays are for specific audiences. The following essay prompt is for the Alaska Engineering Education Foundation who provide a variety of scholarships to Alaskan students who are interested in studying engineering in college:

AEEF Scholarship

"Describe your interest in an engineering education/career"

Part 2: College Tasks	10-8 points	7-4 points	3-0 points
 Scholarship Essay 1: "Problems in Fairbanks"	+ You wrote a good scholarship essay that was between 950 and 1000 words + You had Mr. Benshoof edit your essay	- Your essay was outside of the word count - Mr. Benshoof did not edit your essay	- Your essay is missing
 Scholarship Essay 2: "Engineering Interest"	+ You wrote a good scholarship essay that was between 475 and 500 words + You had Mr. Benshoof edit your essay	- Your essay was outside of the word count - Mr. Benshoof did not edit your essay	- Your essay is missing

