**Scholarship Grading Guidelines**

**Essay – maximum 20 points (5 points per section)**

1. Conventions (5 points)
   1. Proper English, punctuation, spelling
   2. Citing of information sources used
   3. One page, single spaced
   4. 12-point type, 1-inch margins (comes to ~43 lines for a full page)
   5. Plagiarism of sources –used their own words
2. Presentation of idea (5 points)
3. Is there a leading paragraph identifying the topic discussed?
4. Topic Discussion (5 points)
5. Does the body of the essay answer the question/support the topic as presented?

(1) Explain how biological and geological carbon sequestration systems function.

(2) Discuss the benefits of a closed-loop (circular) recycling system.

1. Logical Arrangement (5 points)
2. Does it include an introduction, body, and conclusion?

**GPA info**

Points according to Score Sheet

GPA = 4-point scale 5-point scale

2.5 to 2.99 – 1 pt. 3.5-3.99 – 1 pt.

3.0 to 3.49 – 2 pts. 4.0-4.49 – 2 pts.

3.5 to 3.99 – 3 pts. 4.5-4.99 – 3 pts.

4.0 – 4 pts. 5.0 – 4 pts.

No GPA/not currently enrolled – 2 pts.

**Extra-curricular School Activities/Community Service info – 5 pts. max.**

Do not count each if similar items are listed – ie. Track and football – both are sports -1 pt.

Participated in 4-H and held leadership position – same activity – 1 pt.

Is item a school activity/community service related?

**Total scoring**

GPA – 1 to 4 pts.

Extracurricular – max. of 5 pts.

Community Service – max. of 5 pts.

Essay - 4 parts – max of 5 pts. per section – total 20 pts. max.

Total overall scoring – 34 pts. max.