IAIA Undergraduate Scholarship Essay Topic

Essay topic will be available when the IAIA Undergraduate Scholarship Application Opens for the next term. Make sure to complete the following to be considered for all available award types (International Students may be considered for IAIA Named Scholarships):

1. TCU Award Specific Criteria: American Indian College Fund (AICF) Profile and TCU Application (TCU application is available: January 1 for Spring and August 1 for Fall). US Citizenship or Canadian First Nation Citizenship required. Native and Non-Native students eligible to apply.
2. Need-based Award: current term/year FAFSA (if not previously submitted). US Citizenship or Eligible Noncitizenship required.

Scoring Scale	Grammar & Comp	Content	Creative Thinking
Exemplary **5 points**	Essay outstandingly organized with no issues with sentence structure, spelling, punctuation, or paragraphs	Essay conveys deep thought about the prompt	Essay strongly engages the reader and creatively expresses and organizes ideas with a high degree of effectiveness
Above Average **4 points**	Essay well-organized with no issues with sentence structure, spelling, punctuation, or paragraphs	Essay conveys a high level of thought about the prompt	Essay considerably engages the reader and expresses and organizes ideas with considerable effectiveness
Average **3 points**	Essay organized and logical with only a couple examples of misspelled words, poor word usage, incomplete or fragmented sentences, verb tenses not in agreement	Essay conveys a moderate level of thought about the prompt	Essay is effective at engaging the reader and ideas are organized
Below Average **2 points**	Essay somewhat organized and most paragraphs with topic sentences and not containing more than one topic, a few examples of misspelled words, poor word usage, punctuation mistakes, incomplete or fragmented sentences, verb tenses not in agreement	Essay conveys only vague and generally uninformative thoughts regarding the prompt	Essay communicates with the reader with little effectiveness and ideas or poorly organized
Poor **1 point**	Multiple examples of Misspelled words, poor word usage, punctuation mistakes, incomplete or fragmented sentences, verb tenses not in agreement, paragraphs w/o topic sentence or containing more than one topic, and essay not in logical order	Essay conveys virtually nothing regarding the prompt	Essay makes little to no attempt to engage reader and ideas are badly organized