

# TIPS FOR TKU SCHOLARSHIPS

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## Brainstorm Ideas.

As you begin, it is crucial to read over the instructions thoroughly and understand what is being expected of you. As you review the prompt, you can write down ideas that you want to communicate. Make sure these ideas are meaningful and relevant to the prompt. You can then choose what ideas are most significant and applicable.

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## Make An Outline.

Having an outline can help avoid repetition and structural mistakes. Furthermore, it allows you to place the ideas in a logical order: an introduction with a thesis, several paragraphs that support your thesis, and a conclusion. This will show you how your ideas relate to the prompt and if you need to add or remove any details.

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## Start Writing.

As you start writing, make sure to be concise and clear as you communicate your points. This will help keep you from rambling! Be aware of your word count and formatting. As a general rule, double space your paper, use Times New Roman (or another accepted style), and 12 point font. Aim for at least 3/4ths to a page of content for your essay.

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## Be Personal.

Remember, this essay is about you! Do not write impersonally, but allow yourself the ability to take on a personal tone. Share your motivations and aspirations while avoiding general statements, unless they relate to your situation. In addition, describe how the award will benefit you and discuss your productivity as a student in the coming years.

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## Take Breaks.

Writing a scholarship essay can be overwhelming. However, do not let the stress of the task paralyze or overtake you. If you feel as though you can't continue, then take some time for yourself. Go outside. Take a walk. Get a snack. Do something that refreshes you and brings you peace. It's okay to take a moment for yourself!

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## Get It Reviewed.

Although you may want to complete and turn in your essay, we encourage you to look over it! Read it and search for grammatical errors, repetitive words, and clarity of key points. If you're having difficulty reviewing your paper, then ask someone else to help! This can be a friend, relative, mentor, or even Student Success!



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