

DO NOT RETURN WITH NOMINATION

MISSOURI SCHOLARS ACADEMY RUBRIC FOR RATING STUDENT ESSAYS

Writing lacks focus & contains little information	Writing is inconsistent & reader must make inferences	Writing is generally clear but needs more detail	Writing is clear & contains sufficient detail	Writing is focused & contains significant detail
Organization has no clear direction	Organization leaves the reader struggling for direction	Organization allows reader to understand without too much confusion	Organization guides reader to understand	Organization enhances reader's understanding
Writer (voice) appears lifeless or non-existent	Writer (voice) is distanced from text	Writer (voice) is there and then gone	Writer (voice) can be identified	Writer (voice) leaves his/her fingerprints
Word choice is incorrect or vague	Word choice is limited	Word choice lacks interest	Word choice is effective	Word choice is vivid & precise
Sentences are short, choppy, run run together, or all the same	Sentences are irregular, lack transitional phrases, & repetitive	Sentences are grammatical but lack rhythm	Sentences are correct & somewhat varied	Sentences flow smoothly
Convention errors make the text difficult to read & interpret	Convention errors distract the reader from responding to text	Convention errors look somewhat like a rough draft	Convention errors do not distract from message	Convention errors are few & minor