Example of a Well-Written Essay

Example #1

1) What are your short term academic goals?

My short term academic goals are to obtain Associates in Applied Science degree in Accounting in 2015. I also plan to join the A-B Tech chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Upon graduation, I plan to transfer to the University of North Carolina-Asheville to pursue a Bachelor’s degree in Accounting by 2017.

2) Explain how this scholarship will help you achieve your career goals in the next five years. (200 words minimum)

Receiving this scholarship will boost my self-confidence, knowing that I not only completed a very important task, but also took the responsibility of creating a foundation for getting me closer to my career goals. I believe in the importance of earning a college degree. Therefore, I plan to work extra hard to obtain an Associate in Applied Science degree in Accounting at A-B Tech by 2015.

The scholarship award will only push me further towards my Accounting degree and my dreams of one day having a successful career as an Accountant. Being the first generation in my family to attend college, I have always aspired to learn the right way to manage money and to produce successful budgets. I also believe in giving back to my community by helping others in financial crisis, so they won’t have the same financial burdens that I had growing up in a single family household.

Five years from now I see myself employed at a large local firm, crunching numbers, evaluating, and solving certain financial matters. I just feel blessed that I am given the opportunity to be awarded a scholarship to help fulfill my dream and I will prove that I do have what it takes to not only be a successful student, but an outstanding accountant.
Example #2

1) What are your short term academic goals?

My short term academic goal is to pass all of my classes with an A. I'm currently enrolled in the Cosmetology program and my goal is to pass Salon 1 and Cosmetology 1 with flying colors and move onto Salon 2 and Cosmetology 2.

2) Explain how this scholarship will help you achieve your career goals in the next five years. (200 words minimum)

This scholarship would mean the world to me. I am independently working my way through college without financial assistance. A scholarship award would help me focus more on my schoolwork. It would also allow me to complete the Cosmetology program by May, 2014.

Creating beauty has always been my dream. I've learned that when people look good, they feel good. By becoming a stylist, this will allow me to do just that. I see myself not only with an A.A.S. degree in Cosmetology from A-B Tech, but I will also have obtained a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from a four-year university and own a successful beauty salon.

I would be so appreciative and grateful for the scholarship award.

Example #3

What are your short term academic goals?

My short term academic goals include graduating from A-B Tech spring (2013) with an Associate of Science Degree. I then plan to start the Medical Laboratory Technology degree program next fall at A-B Tech, and graduate from the program in spring 2015.

Question#2

Explain how this scholarship will help you achieve your career goals in the next five years. (200 words minimum)

A scholarship would help me achieve my career goals in the next five years by reducing my stress over the lack of money and giving me the opportunity to focus on a well-rounded college experience. I work part-time, about 20 hours a week, have taken out student loans and am still constantly dealing with money shortages. I have already received high marks on the TEAS test for entrance into the MLT program and would like to focus on passing all of the necessary requirements for obtaining my degree.

I am a Phi Theta Kappa member and have not had a night off to attend a meeting. I am very motivated to complete my schooling, and the relief that a scholarship would provide me would allow me more time and energy to excel and focus on my studies.

I am looking forward to be working in a solid career, in the Medical Laboratory Technology area, in less than five years. This is a great path for a lifelong career. I am excited that I can work in the field in a relatively short amount of time, but will also have opportunities for mobility in the field. A scholarship would help me complete my studies concisely and allow me the best opportunity to fully grasp the material to the best of my ability.