



THE J.L. BEDSOLE FOUNDATION
SCHOLARS PROGRAM
SEMIFINALIST ESSAY

Student Name: _____

Student Birthdate: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

ESSAY TOPIC: Write a letter to your new college roommate describing yourself and your background.

Instructions: Limit your response to 750 words or less, double-spaced. It is highly recommended that the essay be typed. However, if you do not have access to a computer, the essay should be printed **legibly** using black ink. ***Be aware that your essay is read and graded by a qualified Bedsole Scholar Alumni. Grammar, punctuation, spelling and content are very important.*** Attach the completed essay to this form and sign the certification below. **It should be postmarked no later than February, 7 2025.**

Top essays will show a command of the three areas listed below; will be well conceived and well developed; will communicate the writer's interests and dislikes, talents, background, family, plans, etc.

1. Addressing the topic – two parts: introducing and describing; presenting material with insight, originality, depth, & clarity.
2. Stylistic maturity – command of sentence structure and syntax, diction, organization, development of ideas and specificity of detail.
3. Correct elements of grammar and usage – punctuation, spelling, agreement, and sentence structure.

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the attached essay is my own work.

Signature:

Date: