Lathisms Scholarship Rubric (revised 2024)

This rubric is meant to guide the scholarship selection committee in their selection of scholarship recipients. Note that the numerical rankings are only meant to facilitate committee discussions and will not be shared with any individuals outside of the committee.

The Lathisms scholarship is not merit-based, so applicants will not be evaluated on their academic performance (e.g. GPA). While applicants will not be evaluated on their language proficiency, we do recommend that your written responses be proofread to ensure that the selection committee is able to understand your materials fully.

	Demonstrated Enthusiasm for Mathematics	Understanding of Scholarship Impact	
0	No information provided OR information provided on this topic is unclear.	No information provided OR information provided on this topic is unclear.	
1-2	Incomplete - Some evidence provided demonstrating the applicant's enthusiasm for mathematics (e.g.1-2 examples). However, the supporting details and/or the connection to a career in the mathematical sciences are mostly missing or vague.	Incomplete - Some evidence provided to show an understanding of how the scholarship will impact the applicant's career path. However, the supporting information is mostly missing or vague.	
3-4	Well Stated - Clear evidence provided demonstrating the applicant's enthusiasm for mathematics (e.g.1-2 examples). Enough details are given to make a connection between the applicant's prior experiences and a career in the mathematical sciences.	Well Stated - Clear evidence provided to show an understanding of how the scholarship will impact the applicant's career path. Enough information is given to corroborate the applicant's reasoning.	
5-6	Very Well Stated - Strong evidence provided demonstrating the applicant's enthusiasm for mathematics (e.g. 2-3 examples). The given details establish a convincing connection between the applicant's prior experiences and a career in the mathematical sciences.	Very Well Stated - Strong evidence provided to show an understanding of how the scholarship will impact the applicant's career path. The given information establishes a solid basis for the applicant's reasoning.	

	Demonstrated Need	Resilience	Engagement
0	No information provided OR information provided on this topic is unclear.	No information provided OR information provided on this topic is unclear.	No information provided OR information provided on this topic is unclear.
1	Incomplete - Some evidence provided to demonstrate financial need. However, the supporting information is mostly missing or vague.	Incomplete - Some evidence provided demonstrating the applicant's resilience despite barriers. However, the supporting details are mostly missing or vague.	Incomplete - Some evidence provided to indicate that the applicant has been or intends to be involved with their communities (professional, personal, etc.). However, the supporting information is mostly missing or vague.
2	Well Stated - Clear evidence provided to demonstrate financial need. Enough information is given to show that the applicant has had limited access to resources and/or opportunities.	Well Stated - Clear evidence provided demonstrating the applicant's resilience despite barriers. Enough details are given to substantiate the applicant's statements.	Well Stated - Clear evidence provided to indicate that the applicant has been or intends to be involved with their communities (professional, personal, etc.). Enough information is given to show that the applicant has an interest in such engagement.
3	Very Well Stated - Strong evidence provided to demonstrate financial need. The given information establishes a compelling argument that the applicant has had limited access to resources and/or opportunities.	Very Well Stated - Strong evidence provided demonstrating the applicant's resilience despite barriers. The given details fully substantiate the applicant's statements.	Very Well Stated - Strong evidence provided indicating that the applicant has been or intends to be involved with their communities (professional, personal, etc.). The given information establishes that the applicant is committed to such engagement.