

*Realizing the Dream*  
*through*  
**VISION**  
**LEADERSHIP**

**2024 ESSAY CONTEST RUBRIC**

**Criteria**

*How closely the piece relates to the theme and level of skill demonstrated.*

<p><b>Average</b></p>	<p>Shows little connection to theme; purpose inconsistent; reasonably clear ideas; several grammar and usage errors. More than 50 words over/under 500  <b>3 POINTS</b></p>
<p><b>Good</b></p>	<p>Engages reader to some extent; purpose is consistent; addresses theme; some grammar and usage errors. More than 25 words over/under 500  <b>5 POINTS</b></p>
<p><b>Strong</b></p>	<p>Interesting and informative; provides relevant and accurate details to address theme; few grammar and usage errors. +/- 500 words  <b>8 POINTS</b></p>
<p><b>Exceptional</b></p>	<p>Compelling and engaging; provides excellent details to illuminate theme; makes connections; shares insights effectively; no grammar and usage errors. +/- 500 words  <b>10 POINTS</b></p>