



## **Scholar Short Answer**

**Please have the scholar answer the following questions in a few sentences. This application will not be considered if these questions are not answered.**

1. What has the pandemic been like for you? What has challenged you the most? What skills and strengths have you gained?
  2. If you were given a large amount of money, what would you do with it?

## **Part 4: HIGH SCHOOL PREP (7th grade) APPLICANTS ONLY**

If your scholar is NOT applying to High School Prep, skip ahead to Part 5.

### **HIGH SCHOOL PREP ESSAY QUESTION**

\*Only for scholars applying to High School Prep (7th grade). Answer one of the two questions in a 250-500 word essay. You are welcome to hand write the essay but please make sure your handwriting is easy to read.

- A. What is a long term goal you have for yourself? What actions have you taken to pursue that goal? What are the steps you'll need to take to achieve the goal?**

**OR**

- B. Read this excerpt of Amanda Gorman's poem, "The Hill We Climb". If you haven't heard this poem read aloud and can take a moment to watch it, please do so by typing into your web browser <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUBRo4g05RM>.**

We will not march back to what was,  
but move to what shall be.  
A country that is bruised but whole,  
benevolent but bold,  
fierce and free.  
We will not be turned around  
or interrupted by intimidation,  
because we know our inaction and inertia  
will be the inheritance of the next generation.  
Our blunders become their burdens.  
But one thing is certain,  
If we merge mercy with might,  
and might with right,  
then love becomes our legacy,  
and change our children's birthright.  
So let us leave behind a country  
better than the one we were left with.

**What is the message Gorman is trying to convey in this passage? What lines do you connect with the most and why? How would you use this message in your own life?**