**Writing a Scholarship Essay**

**Lesson 1**

**Scholarships**

**1**. Think about scholarships (becas). Then complete the word map below.

Would I be interested in applying for one?

What is it?

Is it relevant for my personal life?

Is it relevant for my career?

**Scholarship Programs**

**2.** Check the information about different scholarship programs in the following links.

https://www.argentina.gob.ar/educacion/becas

<http://www.chevening.org/argentina>

<http://fulbright.edu.ar/>

Programa de Relaciones Internacionales e Integración Regional: RIeIR.UNaM-facebook

**3**. Make a list of the different sections you find. What information do they include?

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**4**. Search for a scholarship that most suits your educational and professional needs. Share your findings in the Scholarship Programs FORUM.

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**Scholarship Application Form**

When applying for a scholarship, you usually need to complete an application form. Below is an example of an application form. The information required is personal data, academic and professional background, work experience, awards, etc.

**5**. Read the application form and check its format.

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| **U.S. Embassy Argentina**  **Future Leaders Scholarship**  **English Language Immersion Program for Undergraduate Students**  **APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**  **a) Personal information**  Full name : John Doe  Date and place of birth: 11 of June 1992 San Pedro, Misiones  Nationality :Argentinean  I.D. (DNI): XXXXX  Passport No.: Processing stage  Address: XXXX, Oberá, Misiones Argentina  ZIP code: 3360  Telephone: XXXXXXXXX  Cell phone :XXXXXXXXX E-mail: [XXXXXXa@gmail.com](mailto:XXXXXXa@gmail.com)  **b) Academic and professional background**  University studies:  I am a fifth-year student in industrial engineering  Overall GPA: 8.4  University institution: Facultad de Ingeniería Universidad Nacional de Misiones.  Expected graduation date: July 2015  Scholarships:  I currently have two paid scholarships:  \* Programa Nacional de Becas Bicentenario  \* Research Intern Scholarship at the University  **Awards or recognitions:**  I have been selected as “student observer” for three open competitive selection process for Faculty members in the following subjects:  Maquinas Eléctricas  Mecánica de los fluidos y Maquinas  Físico-Matemática Aplicada 1  **Career-related job experience:**  I have been working since June 2014 as part of a modeling program for the analysis of the efficiency of a production line at Envasando S.R.L and I am the student leader of an investigation team at my university.  **Special interests**  I like playing football. I am in the football team of my University. I also love traveling and meeting new people from all over the world.  **Are you a member of an NGO, club or association?**  Yes, I am an active member of AREII which is an organization of industrial engineering students from Argentina whose goal is to share university learning experiences, and I am also a member of TECHO, which is an NGO whose goal is to build houses to improve life conditions of the homeless.  **English proficiency: Please mark with an “X” your level of English.**    If you hold any English level certificate (test score of TOEFL, IELTS, CELT, First Certificate, Proficiency, any other Cambridge exam or a certificate from institution where you studied saying how many years, how many hours per week and at what level), please attach. If you are pre-selected your English will be evaluated by telephone.  **Have you ever visited the United States or any other country?**  I have been to Brazil and Paraguay several times because I live near both borders.  I have never been to U.S.A or any other oversea countries.  **What kind of job would you like to do in the future?**  I would like to have a job that allows me to grow up as a professional and as a person, and that helps me to improve my weaknesses and to take advantage of my potentials. |

**6**. Read the tips on how to complete an application form.

The way you fill out scholarship applications can make or break your chances of getting a scholarship. Leave yourself enough time to fill out applications well before the deadline dates arrive. Here are some tips.

Step 1

Read the entire scholarship application and make sure that you’re actually eligible for the proposed scholarship.

Step 2

Research the background, history and goals of the scholarship and the organization presenting it. This may aid you in completing the scholarship application and essay in a way that makes you more likely to get the scholarship.

Step 3

Make a copy of the scholarship application. Prepare an initial rough draft or practice application. You’ll fill out the information on this rough draft and then transfer it neatly to the actual application later.

Step 4

Don’t leave any spaces blank when you fill out the application. Fill out the entire scholarship application and write “not applicable” where appropriate.

Step 6

Check for typographical and grammatical errors on your rough-draft scholarship application. Ask a friend who is proficient in English to proofread. Transfer your error-free information from the rough draft onto your original application.

**7.** Now it´s time to complete your own application form.

**U.S. Embassy Argentina**

**Future Leaders Scholarship**

**English Language Immersion Program for Undergraduate Students**

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

**a) Personal information**

Full name : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(\*USA: month-day-year, eg: May 13, 2007 / UK: day-month-year, eg: 13 May 2007)

Nationality :\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I.D. (DNI): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Passport No.: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone :\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**b) Academic and professional background**

University studies:

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Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

University institution: Facultad de Ingeniería Universidad Nacional de Misiones.

Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (\*month-year)

Scholarships:

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(\*useful expressions: I currently have…, I have received…)

**Awards or recognitions:**

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(\*Useful expressions: I have been selected as…, I have been awarded with…)

**Career-related job experience:**

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(Include anything that refers to your education, any professional training, periods of employment including internships or volunteer work)

**Special interests**

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(Include how you spend your free time because it says a lot about your personality. Mention other non-job-related skills you might have as a result of a personal interest or hobby.)

**Are you a member of an NGO, club or association?**

(\*Explain each)

**English proficiency: Please mark with an “X” your level of English.**

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| Reading | Poor | Fair | Good | Very Good | Excellent |
| Speaking | Poor | Fair | Good | Very Good | Excellent |
| Writing | Poor | Fair | Good | Very Good | Excellent |

If you hold any English level certificate (test score of TOEFL, IELTS, CELT, First Certificate, Proficiency, any other Cambridge exam or a certificate from institution where you studied saying how many years, how many hours per week and at what level), please attach. If you are pre-selected your English will be evaluated by telephone.

**Have you ever visited the United States or any other country?**

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(\*include all of them, no matter how close they are to Argentina)

**What kind of job would you like to do in the future?**

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(\*be honest but creative and ambitious as well)