## Get Ready to Brainstorm: Building Your Scholarship or Fellowship Essay



Instructions: Fill each box with a word or phrase that captures something you want to include in your essay. 1. Take 3 deep breaths. 2. Set your intention to honor your accomplishments! 3. Don't be shy! 4. Speak without judgment.

| Significant factors or events that have impacted your desire to attend college |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Contributions to your community       |
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| Your immigration story                |
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## **Brainstorming a Specific Scholarship** or Fellowship Essay



Instructions: Break down your prompt into categories. Fill each row heading area with the most important elements of your scholarship prompts. Then, fill each row content area with a word or phrase that captures something you want to include in your scholarship essay. 1. Take 3 deep breaths. 2. Set your intention to honor your accomplishments! 3. Don't be shy! 4. Speak without judgment.

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