

Suggestions for Completing the 2024 Believe 271 Scholarship Application

- **Submissions**

- **#1** –All submissions must be in PDF format.
 - Exception – **Online Application**
- **#2 - Transcript** must be current (within 3 months of April 15th deadline)
 - Should be dated and signed (not required)
 - Weighted vs. Unweighted GPA – since not all high schools offer weighted GPA – unweighted GPA will be used by the evaluators.
- **#3 - College Acceptance** should be on the college letterhead and legible (no screen shots)
- **#4 - Activities**
 - Separate activities into the following:
 - Clubs and Organizations
 - Sports
 - Volunteer / Community Service
 - Honors and Awards
 - Employment
 - Include years involved (ex. 11, 12)
 - Include leadership roles (ex. Captain, President)
 - Evaluators will be adding five scoring points to those applicants who are volunteer firefighters. Be sure to note what fire department.
- **#5 - Essay topics**
 - Be sure to address one of the following topics:
 - “Why I have decided to pursue a career in a trade, fire, EMS, nursing or education.”
 - Be sure to maintain the same choice of major as noted in the online application.
 - “How have my volunteer activities impacted my life and future.”
 - If a volunteer firefighter, be sure to include it in your essay.
- **#6 - Recommendation topics**
 - Must be for the Believe 271 / Gregory Wilsey Scholarship
 - Best if on school letterhead from your high school or letterhead from a community organization.
 - Includes job title of recommender.
 - Includes how they know the applicant.
 - References one of the following:
 - Why the applicant would be successful in their career choice.
 - How the applicant has contributed to their community and/or school through volunteerism.