**Rubric for Evaluation of HAABB Scholarship Paper**

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| **Criteria** | **Exemplary = 3 points** | **Good = 2 points** | **Acceptable = 1 point** | **Unacceptable = 0**  |
| ***Content*****Total Points \_\_\_\_\_\_** | Balanced presentation ofrelevant and legitimateinformation that clearlysupports a central purpose or argument ***and*** shows athoughtful, in-depth analysis of a **transfusion medicine** topic. Reader gains important insights. | Information provides reasonable support for a central purpose orargument and displays evidence of a basic analysis of a **transfusion medicine** topic. Reader gains some insights. | Information supports a central purpose or argument at times.Topic or analysis is basic or general.Reader gains few insights. | Central purpose or argument is not clearly identified.Analysis is vague or notevident. Reader is confused or may be misinformed. |
| ***Organization*****Total Points \_\_\_\_\_\_** | The ideas are arranged logically to support the purpose or argument. They flow smoothlyfrom one to another and are clearly linked to eachother. The reader easily follows the line of reasoning. | The ideas are arranged logically to support the central purpose orargument. They are usuallyclearly linked to each other. For the most part, the reader can follow the line of reasoning. | In general, the writing isarranged logically, although occasionallyideas fail to make sensetogether. The reader isfairly clear about what writer intends. | The writing is not logicallyorganized. Frequently, ideas fail to make sense together.The reader cannot identify a line of reasoning and loses interest. |
| ***Style*****Total Points \_\_\_\_\_\_** |  | The writing is compelling. It hooks the reader andsustains interest throughout. | The writing is generally engaging, but has some dryspots. In general, it is focused and keeps the reader's attention. | The writing is unengaging. Though the paper has some interesting parts, the reader finds it difficult tomaintain interest. |
| ***Sentence Structure*****Total Points \_\_\_\_\_\_** |  | Sentences are well-phrased and varied in length andstructure. They flow smoothly from one to another. | Sentences are well-phrased and there is some variety in length and structure. The sentence flow is generally smooth. | Some sentences are awkwardly constructed so that the reader is distracted. |
| ***Grammar, Spelling, Writing Mechanics (punctuation, capitalization)*** **Total Points \_\_\_\_\_\_** |  |  The writing is free or almost free of errors. |  There are occasional errors, but they don’trepresent a majordistraction. |  The writing has many errors, and the reader isdistracted by them. |
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| ***Length (2-5 pages)*****Total Points \_\_\_\_\_\_** |  |  | Paper is the number of pages specified in theassignment. | Paper has fewer pages (or in dramatic excess) than specified in the assignment. |
| ***Use of References*****Total Points \_\_\_\_\_\_** | Compelling evidence fromprofessionally legitimatesources is given to supportclaims. Attribution is clear and fairly represented. | Professionally legitimate sources that supportclaims are generallypresent and attribution is, for the most part, clear and fairly represented. | Although attributions areoccasionally given, manystatements seem unsubstantiated.The reader is confused about the source of information and ideas. | References are seldom cited to support statements. |
| ***Quality of References*****Total Points \_\_\_\_\_\_** | References are primarily peer reviewed professional journalsor other approved sources (e.g., **current** blood bank textbooks, AABB articles, *Technical Manual*, *Standards*, etc.) The reader isconfident that the informationand ideas can be trusted. | Although most of the references are professionally legitimate, a few are questionable  (e.g., trade books,internet sources such as Wikipedia, popularmagazines, …). Thereader is uncertain of thereliability of some of the sources. | Most of the references are from sources that are notpeer reviewed and have uncertain reliability. The reader doubts the accuracyof much of the material presented. | There are virtually no sourcesthat are professionally reliable.The reader seriously doubtsthe value of the material. |
| ***Citation*****Total Points \_\_\_\_\_\_** |  |  | Cites all data obtained from other sources using a **consistent** format. Utilizes APA, MLA or AMA citation style in both text and bibliography. | Cites some data obtained from other sources. Citation style is either inconsistent or incorrect. |
| **Total points** **from 9 criteria \_\_\_\_\_\_** |  |  |  |  |