

Rubric for Evaluation of HAABB Scholarship Paper

Criteria	Exemplary = 3 points	Good = 2 points	Acceptable = 1 point	Unacceptable = 0
Content Total Points _____ (possible points 0-3)	Balanced presentation of relevant and legitimate information that clearly supports a central purpose or argument and shows a thoughtful, in-depth analysis of a transfusion medicine topic. Reader gains important insights.	Information provides reasonable support for a central purpose or argument 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 not evident. Reader is confused or may be misinformed.
Organization Total Points _____ (possibly points 0-3)	The ideas are arranged logically to support the purpose or argument. They flow smoothly from one to another and are clearly linked to each other. The reader easily follows the line of reasoning.	The ideas are arranged logically to support the central purpose or argument. They are usually clearly linked to each other. For the most part, the reader can follow the line of reasoning.	In general, the writing is arranged logically, although occasionally ideas fail to make sense together. The reader is fairly clear about what writer intends.	The writing is not logically organized. Frequently, ideas fail to make sense together. The reader cannot identify a line of reasoning and loses interest.
Style Total Points _____ (possible points 0-2)		The writing is compelling. It hooks the reader and sustains interest throughout.	The writing is generally engaging, but has some dry spots. 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 to maintain interest.
Sentence Structure Total Points _____ (possible points 0-2)		Sentences are well-phrased and varied in length and structure. 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 _____ (possible points 0-2)		The writing is free or almost free of errors.	There are occasional errors, but they don't represent a major distraction.	The writing has many errors, and the reader is distracted by them.

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<i>Length (2-5 pages)</i> Total Points _____ (possible points 0-1)			Paper is the number of pages specified in the assignment.	Paper has fewer pages (or in dramatic excess) than specified in the assignment.
<i>Use of References</i> Total Points _____ (possible points 0-3)	Compelling evidence from professionally legitimate sources is given to support claims. Attribution is clear and fairly represented.	Professionally legitimate sources that support claims are generally present and attribution is, for the most part, clear and fairly represented.	Although attributions are occasionally given, many statements seem unsubstantiated. The reader is confused about the source of information and ideas.	References are seldom cited to support statements.
<i>Quality of References</i> Total Points _____ (possible points 0-3)	References are primarily peer reviewed professional journals or other approved sources (e.g., current blood bank textbooks, AABB articles, <i>Technical Manual</i> , <i>Standards</i> , etc.) The reader is confident that the information and 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, popular magazines, ...). The reader is uncertain of the reliability of some of the sources.	Most of the references are from sources that are not peer reviewed and have uncertain reliability. The reader doubts the accuracy of much of the material presented.	There are virtually no sources that are professionally reliable. The reader seriously doubts the value of the material.
<i>Citation</i> Total Points _____ (possible points 0-1)			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.
<i>Total points from 9 criteria</i> _____ (total possible 0-20)				
Suspected over-reliance on the use of AI, with evidence from AI detection tools, may affect any criteria grade, and may disqualify a paper from consideration.				