



# ROYTEC

## ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

### Personal Essay (Tips)

Below are some guidelines that may prove useful for applicants when writing their 'personal essay'. Note that the essay forms a critical part of the process in the awarding of the scholarship and applicants are urged to exercise a high level of integrity with respect to the information and evidence submitted.

- **Community Service:** The applicant must show written evidence of community service/involvement. This will include instances of volunteerism, internship, placement, or any activities that will show civic responsibility.
- **Accomplishments:** Applicants must provide written evidence of originality and innovation in an area of interest. This may include accomplishments as writers, artists, musicians and entrepreneurs, improvement in the academic environment and support for students.
- **Character:** Applicants must show evidence where they have overcome serious personal and family adversities. Any circumstance that demonstrates strength of character and potential for achievement should be articulated in the personal essay.
- **Leadership:** Applicants must demonstrate experience of leadership for e.g. ;
  - i. Teaching
  - ii. Training
  - iii. Organising
  - iv. Managing and/carrying significant responsibility for a group, School or Organisation

In this case, evidence should be provided where the applicant was held in high esteem by one's peers for being a role model through actions and deeds; making improvements; and achieving success individually or as a team.

- **Career goals:** Applicants must present reasons for their programme of choice and their choice of UWI-ROYTEC. Recommendations and testimonials will be helpful in strengthening an application.
- Essays must be a true submission made by the applicant and should not be the work of family members/relatives and/or friends.

Applicants will be expected to:

- Maintain the established academic standing, observe Institutional regulations and exercise good study habits.
- Lead by example and involve themselves in all aspects of student life at UWI-ROYTEC.
- Act as peer tutor for students, where required.
- Volunteer their services and represent the institution at external events, where required.
- Provide a written testimonial to UWI-ROYTEC which may be used for marketing purposes.