**Jacqueline B. Vaughn Rubric**

**Paul O. Johnson Rubric**

**Awarded by AFT Local 604**

**Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Judge: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **Categories** | **Maximum Score** | **Your Score** |
| **Essay** (see rubric below for scoring) | 50 |  |
| **Transcript** | 20 |  |
| **School-related Activities—Check all; explain**  \_\_\_ Academics  \_\_\_ Clubs  \_\_\_ Sports  \_\_\_ Arts  \_\_\_ Leadership role in activities | 15 |  |
| **Community Involvement—Check all; explain**  **\_\_\_** Work  \_\_\_ Volunteer  \_\_\_ Spiritual  \_\_\_ Travel teams  \_\_\_ Organizations, like Boy/Girl Scouts  \_\_\_ Other | 10 |  |
| **Recommendation letter from current teacher, administrator, or counselor** | 5 |  |
|  | Total Score |  |

**Rubric**

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| Rubric Components |  |  |  |  | Score |
| **Focus/Main Point**  **(20 Points)** | The essay poorly addresses the topic and includes irrelevant ideas  **14 points or less** | The essay is focused on topic and includes few loosely related ideas  **15-16 points** | The essay is focused on the topic and includes relevant ideas  **17-18 points** | The essay is focused, purposeful, and reflects clear insight and ideas  **19-20 points** |  |
| **Organization & Format (Paragraphs, Transitions)**  **(15 Points)** | Little or no organization of ideas to build an argument; lacks a thesis, conclusion, or both  **9 points or less** | Some organization of ideas to build an argument, but has a weak thesis and conclusion  **10-11 points** | Organizes ideas to build a strong thesis and conclusion  **12-13 points** | Effectively organizes ideas to build a logical, controlling thesis and conclusion  **14-15 points** |  |
| **Language, Use, Style & Conventions**  **(Sentence structure, word choice, grammar, spelling, punctuation**  **(10 Points)** | Little or no use of elements of style  Many errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation  **4 points or less** | Some use of elements of style  Contains frequent errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation  **5-6 points** | Appropriate use of elements of style  Uses correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation with few errors  **7-8 points** | Effective and creative use of elements of style to enhance meaning  Uses correct grammar, spelling, punctuation limited errors  **9-10 points** |  |
| **Originality**  **(Expression of the theme in a creative way)**  **(5 Points)** | No experimentation nor enhancement of concepts  No adherence to the theme  **2 points or less** | Very little experimentation to enhance concepts  Does not exhibit creativity  **3 points** | Sufficient experimentation with language and usage to enhance concepts  Applies basic creative skills to relay ideas  **4 points** | Distinctive experimentation with language and usage to enhance concepts  Applies higher order thinking and creative skills to relay complex ideas  **5 points** |  |