PROJECT BRIDGE | SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

One story, many scholarships

You do not need a new essay for every prompt. Start with one real experience, then answer each prompt on its own terms.

Example experience: A student ran the school recycling drive for a semester. They recruited volunteers, fixed a messy sorting system, and learned to ask for help.

Prompt 1 **"Describe a time you led others."**	**Angle:** how the student organized volunteers and shared the work. *Opening idea: "I had never led a team until the bins started overflowing."*
Prompt 2 **"Tell us about a challenge you overcame."**	**Angle:** the sorting problem, what went wrong first, and what changed. *Opening idea: "For two weeks, nothing we sorted was actually recycled."*
Prompt 3 **"Why do you want to study environmental science?"**	**Angle:** what the drive taught the student about waste, systems, and community. *Opening idea: "I did not set out to care about trash, but I could not stop asking why it kept happening."*

Three rules: 1. Keep every fact true and the same in each version. 2. Answer the exact prompt, not the story you wish they had asked for. 3. Never copy and paste a whole essay. Reuse the experience, then rewrite the angle, the opening, and the ending.