West Virginia Criminal Justice Educator's Association (WVCJEA) Conference Scholar's Award Rubric for Paper and Presentation/Poster Abstract

Criteria	0 Point	1-2 Point	3-4 Points	5-6 Points	Score
Introductory Statement	Missing/not provided	Unclear	Clear but not engaging; attempts to connect to literature.	Clear, concise, engaging; Describes, connects the topic to literature and purpose of work.	
Purpose	Missing/not provided	Specific position (e.g., purpose, research question, or hypothesis) is unclear and/or not concise.	Specific position (e.g., purpose, research question or hypothesis) is mostly stated in a clear fashion.	Specific position (e.g., purpose, research question or hypothesis) is clearly and concisely stated.	
Content and context	Missing/not provided	Content and/or context is unclear or contains irrelevant information or a lack of information.	Content and/or context is mostly articulated in a clear and brief manner.	Articulates clear content and/or context in a brief manner without sacrificing details.	
Conclusion/findings/ recommendations	Missing/not provided	States an ambiguous or unclear set of conclusions, findings and/or recommendations based on the inquiry.	States more general conclusions, findings, or set of recommendations that are a logical but may go beyond the inquiry or are somewhat unrealistic.	States a concise and clear conclusion, findings, or set of recommendations that are a logical extrapolation from the inquiry.	
Professional Writing	Writing is completely incoherent	Several grammatical and spelling errors impede understanding of the topic.	Few grammatical or spelling errors.	Writing is appropriate for the profession; no spelling or grammatical errors are found.	
Total					

Rubric for Personal Essay

Criteria	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points	4 Points	5 points	Score
Organization	None	Nonsensical	Attempt to organize	Organized in	Clearly organized in	
		organization, essay	in narrative form but	sensible manner but	a sensible manner	
		is not narrative	not clear	not engaging to	that makes the	
				reader	narrative engaging	
					to the reader	
Spelling/Grammar	More than 10	7-10	4-6	1-3	No	
	spelling/grammatical	spelling/grammatical	spelling/grammatical	spelling/grammatical	spelling/grammatical	
	errors	errors	errors	errors	errors	
Addresses "what	Does not address	Attempts to address	Addresses the	Addresses the	Clearly and	
would this		the question but	question clearly but	question clearly and	thoroughly answers	
scholarship mean to		does not do so	not thoroughly	thoroughly, but	the question with a	
you"		clearly		answer is not	compelling rationale	
				compelling		
Addresses "would	Does not address	Attempts to address	Addresses the	Addresses the	Clearly and	
you use it to further		the question but	question clearly but	question clearly and	thoroughly answers	
your future in the		does not do so	not thoroughly	thoroughly, but	the question with a	
field of Criminal		clearly		answer is not	compelling rationale	
Justice"				compelling		
Total						