# Using AI to write a scholarship essay is strongly discouraged for several important reasons:

1. **Authenticity Matters**
* Scholarship committees are looking for **your unique story, voice, and experiences**.
* AI can create polished text, but it cannot replicate your personal journey, challenges, or reflections.

**2. Risk of Misrepresentation**

* Submitting an AI-generated essay may be considered **academic dishonesty**.
* If a committee suspects the essay isn’t genuinely yours, it could **disqualify you** or affect future opportunities.

**3. Loss of Personal Touch**

* Scholarships often reward students who demonstrate **resilience, creativity, and individuality**.
* AI essays tend to be generic, and that can make your application blend in with others.

**4. Learning Opportunity**

* Writing the essay yourself helps you **clarify your goals, reflect on achievements, and practice communication**.
* These skills are valuable beyond the scholarship — in college applications, interviews, and future career opportunities.

✅ **Better Approach**

* Use AI **only as a helper**, not a writer:
	+ To **brainstorm ideas** or essay prompts.
	+ To **check grammar or phrasing** after you’ve written the essay.
	+ To **get suggestions for structure** or organization.

Your essay should always be **your own words and story**, with AI acting like a coach or editor rather than a ghostwriter.