Lou Frey Institute Undergraduate SPSIA Scholarship Rubric

Rank each category with any number from 0-4.

1. Letter of Interest: Cover letter (double spaced) explaining interest and goals within the major, how interest and goals align with the mission of the Lou Frey Institute, and how this award will help.
2. Prompt: **What, in your view, is the meaning of the phrase ‘good citizenship’? How does the study of political science in general and your focus in particular contribute to how you define good citizenship?** In your response of 3-5 pages, be sure to clearly define your meaning and understanding of good citizenship, explain your focus in political science, and how political science as a field contributes to good citizenship and civic life. Citations are required. APA format (7th ed.) is expected.

**Note to evaluators: Half points may be given. Use your professional judgement.**

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| Criteria | Not Acceptable (1) | Somewhat  Acceptable (2) | Somewhat Excellent  (3) | Excellent (4) |
| **Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar, and Mechanics for Writing Tasks (Letter)** | * Letter contains 3 or more errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar or spacing * Shows poor use of the English language * Flows poorly | * Letter contains 1 or 2 minor errors in spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors * Shows average use of English language | * Letter has occasional spelling, punctuation, or grammar mistakes * Shows good use of the English language * Letter flows well | * Letter has no spelling, punctuation, or grammar mistakes * Shows excellent use of the English language * Letter flows well |
| **Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar, and Mechanics for Writing Tasks (Prompt)** | * Response contains 3 or more errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar or spacing * Shows poor use of the English language * Flows poorly * Not written in APA (7th ed.) format | * Response contains 1 or 2 minor errors in spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors * Shows average use of English language * APA (7th ed.) format may have minor errors | * Response has occasional spelling, punctuation, or grammar mistakes * Shows good use of the English language * Response flows well * APA (7th ed.) format is properly used | * Response has no spelling, punctuation, or grammar mistakes * Shows excellent use of the English language * Response flows well * APA (7th ed.) format is properly used. |
| **Letter Content** | * Letter did not clearly explain interests and goals within the major * Letter did not clearly explain how interest and goals aligned with the mission of the Lou Frey Institute * Letter did not clearly explain how this award will help | * Letter included at least 1 example to describe interest and goals within the major * Described interest and goals only loosely connect to the mission and work of the Lou Frey Institute * Letter touched loosely on how this award can help | * Letter included more than 1 example to describe interest and goals within the major * Described interests and goals adequately connect in a clear way to the mission and work of the Lou Frey Institute * Letter was clear in how this award can help | * Letter included at least 3 or more examples to describe the interest and goals within the major * Described interests and goals strongly connect in a clear way to the mission and work of the Lou Frey Institute * Letter was clear in how this award can help |
| **Response Prompt** | * Response did not clearly explain the meaning of good citizenship. * Response did not address the study of political science in general and/or individual focus in particular * Response did not adequately connect political science to good citizenship and civic life * Response had only 1 or no relevant citations. | * Response minimally explained the meaning of good citizenship, but some clarity was lacking * Response loosely addressed the study of political science in general/and or individual focus in particular * Response tried with some success to connect political science to good citizenship and civic life * Response included at least 2 relevant citations. | * Response adequately explained the meaning of good citizenship, and contained a greater level of clarity * Response adequately addressed the study of political science in general/and or individual focus in particular * Response adequately connected political science to good citizenship and civic life * Response included at least 2 relevant citations. | * Response strongly explained the meaning of good citizenship with a clear and powerful understanding and explanation * Response strongly addressed the study of political science in general and individual focus in particular * Response strongly connected political science to good citizenship and civic life * Response included at least 3 relevant citations. |
| **Overall Alignment of Application Materials to Lou Frey Institute Mission and Goals** | * Poorly aligned or alignment not clear * Demonstrates no understanding of or research about the work of the Lou Frey Institute | * Adequately aligned to at least 1 aspect of Lou Frey Institute mission and goals * Demonstrates minimal understanding of or research about the work of the Lou Frey Institute | * Clearly aligned to at least 2 aspects of the Lou Frey Institute mission and goals * Demonstrates a surface understanding of or research about the work of the Lou Frey Institute | * Clearly aligned to at least 3 aspects of the Lou Frey Institute mission and goals * Demonstrates a deep understanding of or research about the work of the Lou Frey Institute |