

National Service Position Paper Rubric

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Content	<p>My paper contains a strong thesis statement supported by research.</p> <p>My paper is richly developed with at least three compelling arguments.</p> <p>My paper has a clear viewpoint and is logically ordered.</p>	<p>My paper contains a thesis statement supported by research.</p> <p>My paper is fluent and fully developed with at least two compelling arguments.</p> <p>My paper has a viewpoint and flows in an understandable manner for the most part, but it could be more organized or neater.</p>	<p>My paper contains a weak thesis statement that is not supported by research.</p> <p>My paper is organized in a confusing manner, making the ideas difficult to understand.</p> <p>My paper is somewhat disorganized and difficult to understand at times.</p>	<p>My paper does not contain a thesis statement.</p> <p>My paper has no clear or logical organizational structure, just lots of facts.</p> <p>Overall, my work is disorganized and difficult to read and understand.</p>
Voice	<p>The words I chose are clear, descriptive, and accurate.</p> <p>My paper contains a consistent persuasive tone throughout.</p>	<p>The words I chose are adequately clear and descriptive.</p> <p>My paper contains a persuasive tone in most parts.</p>	<p>The words I chose are somewhat clear and descriptive.</p> <p>My paper contains a persuasive tone in some parts.</p>	<p>The words I chose are not clear or descriptive.</p> <p>My paper lacks a persuasive tone.</p>
Support	<p>My supporting evidence is detailed, relevant, and convincing.</p>	<p>My supporting evidence is strong but needs to be more specific.</p>	<p>My supporting evidence is adequate but not particularly strong.</p>	<p>I use very little or no supporting evidence for my arguments.</p>
Conventions	<p>My paper has no mechanical errors. It is written with complexity, using good word choices and exemplary sentence structure.</p>	<p>My paper includes one or two mechanical errors, but overall, it contains good word choices and sentence structures.</p>	<p>My paper contains some mechanical errors as well as some confusing sentences.</p>	<p>My paper contains many mechanical errors. My sentences are confusing and difficult to understand.</p>