Frederick Douglass Scholarship Essay Questions

Instructions: Please choose between **one** of the following two questions. Your response should be between 900-1200 words. The following guidelines will help you plan and organize your essay:

- **Type your final draft** in Times New Roman twelve (12) point font, double-spaced, single- sided, numbered pages with one-inch margins.

- **Develop a thesis.** After reading and taking notes on Frederick Douglass' works and/or articles written about him and his works, decide on the main point you wish to convey in your essay to the scholarship committee.

- **Develop an outline** to keep your essay on track. For each main point, make sure that you are providing supportive statements.

- **Proof your document.** Visit the Writing Center to get your draft proofread. Expect to write several drafts of the essay. Your essay will be evaluated on the depth of thought, level of critical thinking, personal reflections, grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

- **Reference all your sources**. Make sure you provide citations and/or work cited page when incorporating words and ideas of Frederick Douglass or other scholars in your essay.

Question 1:

Based on your knowledge of his life and legacy, why would Frederick Douglass believe that you are uniquely deserving of a scholarship bearing his name. In addition to sharing your strengths, talents, and leadership qualities, please highlight any leadership activities or service projects that have made an impact in your local community and/or campus.

Question 2:

Frederick Douglass often spoke about ways to improve the political, educational, and economic status of African Americans. From your perspective, what are the major issues facing AALANA students at RIT and what strategies should be developed to improve the AALANA experience and what can you do to make a difference? Your essay should cite, and explain specific political, educational, and economic philosophies of Frederick Douglass as revealed in his books, essays, or speeches to support your argument.