

Scholarship Application Workshop Personal Statement Worksheet

Use your responses to these short answer questions to build a personal statement. Your final product should be a formal piece of writing with no grammatical or spelling errors and be no more than two pages in length (one is better). Neatness counts. Make sure your name is on your statement.

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What are your educational goals and why are they important to you?

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What made you decide to continue your education?

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Why are you attending this college? Why not another one?

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Explain how you are doing the best you possibly can in your classes.

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What efforts have you made to finance your education? (For example: Are you living at home to save money? Do you work two jobs? Have you applied for other scholarships and financial aid?)

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What are you responsible for besides school? (For example: Do you have dependents? Are you expected to contribute time, energy, money at home? Church or volunteer responsibilities? What is your life like outside of school?)

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How would receiving a scholarship help you? What would be different if you had additional funds for your education?

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In summary, what were you doing before you decided to attend college, why are you here, and what will you be doing when you leave? Why is this important to you? How will a scholarship help you achieve your goals? (One format may be: Introduce yourself, your family, your current situation. Have you had challenges in your life? Have you had opportunities? What is your educational goal and WHY is this important to you? How have you demonstrated that you are a successful college student? Provide evidence of your ability to achieve in your studies and to complete your studies. Describe your financial situation. Explain how receiving a scholarship will help you achieve your goals.)

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Getting help. You don't have to write your personal statement all by yourself. You can get help from friends and family members. You can get help from advisors and mentors. If you are employed, you can ask your supervisor for help. If writing is challenging for you, have others read your statement. If there are tutoring services available on campus, use them. Have your English instructor critique your statement. There are lots of ways to get help.

List three resources you will use to get help with your statement.

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