

WRITING YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT

TELL YOUR STORY. MAKE IT COUNT

Your personal statement is your opportunity to go beyond your grades and show the scholarship committees who you are. You'll write one personal statement that may be considered for multiple awards - so make it count!

1 Reflect

Before you start writing, think about your experiences.

Ask yourself:

- What experiences have shaped me?
- What challenges have I overcome?
- What have I done outside of school? Work? Volunteering? Extracurricular Activities?
- What are my strengths and future goals?
- How will my education help me achieve those goals?

Tip: Start with ideas or bullet points - you can organize them later!

2 Showcase Your Story

Since your personal statement may be reviewed for multiple awards, include a variety of experiences that reflect who you are.

Consider highlighting:

- Leadership experiences
- Volunteer or community involvement
- Academic achievements
- Work experience
- Extracurricular activities
- Challenges you've overcome or personal growth
- Future goals and aspirations

Focus on the experiences that have had the greatest impact on you. Use specific examples to show your strengths and what you've learned, rather than simply listing your accomplishments.



3 Bring Your Story to Life

Now it's time to turn your ideas into your personal statement. There isn't one "right" way to write it, but this structure can help get you started.

Start Strong

- Introduce yourself and your program.
- Share what inspired your educational journey or a meaningful experience that shaped your goals.

Share Your Experiences

- Highlight experiences that demonstrate your strengths.
- Include leadership, volunteer work, employment, extracurricular activities, or challenges you've overcome.
- Use specific examples to show what you learned and the impact you made.

End with Your Future

- Share your educational and career goals.
- Explain how receiving an award will support your journey and help you achieve those goals.

Writing Tips

- Be authentic - write in your own voice.
- Write in the first person ("I").
- Keep it clear, focused, and around 300 words.
- Show your experiences with examples.
- Proofread before submitting.

4 Before You Submit

Ask yourself:

- Have I shared experiences that reflect who I am?
- Did I include specific examples instead of general statements?
- Is my personal statement clear, concise, and within the recommended length?
- Have I explained my goals and how my education will help me achieve them?
- Did I proofread for spelling, grammar, and clarity?



Need Help?

If you have questions or need help, the Student Awards & Financial Aid Team is here to help!

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