

## Personal Statement Single-Parent Student

### Education and Career Goals\*

Write a brief statement outlining your education and career goals; if undecided, state what you hope to gain from the college experience.

My education and career goals have changed over the years, but I am happy to announce that I am graduating in 2015 with my AA degree that I have been working on for 20+ years. I plan to continue at MiraCosta in the fall working on my transfer credits so I can obtain my Bachelor's degree in Product and Development.

I currently work at a company called Victory Team Apparel in the accounting department. When I interviewed with the Manager of the Product and Development Department, I knew that is the direction I wanted to take my career. The idea of creating and developing a product is exciting to me and that is actually my original goal when I first attended college in 1988.

### Extracurricular Activities\*

List activities you are involved with both on and off campus; for example, clubs, organizations, volunteer service, and sports activities. If applicable, describe your employment experience and how many hours you work per week. Do your activities relate to your education or career objective?

I work 40 hours a week in accounting and 4 hours a week in retail as well as sing in a few different cover bands. With going to school full-time and raising children on top of that, it leaves me little time for other extracurricular activities or to volunteer.

### Other Information about yourself\*

Please provide information you would like to share about yourself including accomplishments you are proud of, hardships or challenges you overcame in your life, scholarships and/or honors you received. Most important, state your financial need and how a scholarship will help you achieve your education goal.

I am a single mother of three. I am originally from Washington and I moved here with my husband and children in 2004. We moved our carpet cleaning business here and cleaned all of the Block Buster video stores, but they have since gone out of business and so did my marriage. I rejoined the workforce working for minimum wage supporting my children and soon took on another job at Victory Team Apparel. I am currently in school full-time at MiraCosta and have worked very hard to maintain a 4.0 GPA. I also work full-time in an accounting department and part-time in retail. My passion is singing and I am currently in a few different cover bands that play in San Diego County and Orange County. Scholarship money will help take some of the pressure off me so I can focus on my studies and my children. I hope that one day I can work at only one job.