



MIRACOSTA COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

PERSONAL STATEMENT OUTLINE

The Personal Statement Outline is a template for a scholarship statement. The statement can be used to apply for many scholarships, and should be updated each semester. For writing assistance, contact the MiraCosta Writing Center, www.MiraCosta.edu/WritingCenter (760) 795-6861, and bring the outline to the appointment. The Writing Center Consultants are good writers who have experience talking with students and will help incorporate your outline into a final scholarship statement. Questions contact or visit the Scholarship office www.MiraCosta.edu/Scholarships.

Scholarship awards are based on financial need and/or merit, and your Personal Statement assists the Awards Committee in selecting qualified students. Address the following areas in your essay.

1. What are your Education and Career Goals?

List your major or certificate program and how it relates to your career goal. If you are undecided, state what you hope to learn in college.

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2. Extracurricular Activities

List activities you are involved with both on campus and off campus, for example, employment (where do you work, and how many days, hours per week), volunteer work (name of organization hours per week or month), clubs or organizations, sports teams involved with, etc.

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3. Other Information you would like to share about yourself.

Share information about yourself; tell your story. For example, first in family to graduate and/or attend college, overcame a hardship, military service (branch, time in service, deployed, injured), single parent, returning student, international student, etc. What is your financial need? How will a scholarship help fund your education?

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