



MIRACOSTA COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

PERSONAL STATEMENT OUTLINE

Use the Personal Statement Outline as a *template* to list your ideas when creating your scholarship essay. Think of your Personal Statement like a resume and use it to apply for many scholarships.

Many scholarship awards are based on financial need and/or merit, and your Personal Statement is an important part of the application process. Your essay provides key information the Scholarship Committee needs when nominating a student for an award.

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 the Scholarship office www.MiraCosta.edu/Scholarships.

1. What are your 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.

2. 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?

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

Share information about yourself; tell your story. For example, are you first in family to graduate and attend college, overcome a hardship, military service (deployed, injured), single parent, returning student, international student, etc. State your financial need, and how a scholarship will help you.