



MIRACOSTA COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

CHECKLIST GUIDE TO BUILDING A WINNING PERSONAL STATEMENT

✓	WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER AND EDUCATION GOALS?
	Go into detail about your education goals at MiraCosta College.
	If you plan to transfer to a 4-year school, list the schools you plan to apply to, how far in education you want to go (Bachelors, Masters, Ph. D.) and why you chose this goal.
	What is your career goal? How will your education help you reach this goal, and what got you interested in choosing this career path?
	If you are undecided on your major or career path, mention your passions or interest in subjects you may want to explore during your educational journey. What is your dream job?
	Discuss the importance of education in your life.
✓	EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
	Create a resume to help keep track of your volunteer work, skills, clubs, leadership roles, work experience. (Career Center can help with a resume, Student Activities for Clubs on campus, and Service Learning for volunteer activities)
	Include any leadership or support role you have in an on-campus or off-campus clubs and/or organizations.
	Are you working? Include your current employment, where you work, how many hours per week or month, and your position. Does this relate to your education and career goal?
	Are you involved in an internship or plan to do one soon, if so, include the information.
✓	OTHER INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE ABOUT YOURSELF.
	Create a brief timeline of significant events that happened in your life and update as necessary.
	Describe your experiences of being resilient and/or perseverant.
	Talk about a time when you overcame a hardship in your life.
	You can share your ethnicity, disability, veteran status, foster youth, first in family to go to college, International status, returning student (25+), or economically disadvantaged, etc. Discuss the significance of how this has molded you to develop the qualities of a student.
	Don't be afraid to talk about your accomplishments. You are your biggest cheerleader!
	Talk about who and what influenced you to get to where you are today?
	Express why you feel you are the best candidate for the scholarship and briefly describe how receiving the scholarship will help better your educational and career goals and allow you to succeed in academia.
	State your financial need. How will the scholarship help with your education, and how will you use the money?

The checklist was created with former MiraCosta scholarship recipients, Amani Mack and Ingrid Phillips.

"There's money out there for every field, and people are eager to help you get it." Ingrid Phillips