

Personal Statement

When applying for Lincoln Land Community College Foundation scholarships, you will be asked to submit a personal statement. Your personal statement is a very important part of your application for scholarships and should be given special time and attention.

Why is a Personal Statement important?

The purpose of the personal statement is to give you an opportunity to tell us important things about yourself that are not addressed or apparent in the application. In making decisions about scholarships, we want to consider your personal attributes and gain some sense of who you are; your experiences, accomplishments, and a variety of qualities such as motivation, self-discipline, leadership, commitment to others, your intended program of study and your career goals.

Each year, the LLCC Foundation receives applications from many more students than we can award, and the academic records of these students are usually very similar. In order to discover and evaluate the distinctions among these applicants, scholarship selection committees look closely at an individual's entire application. The personal statement, the recommendations from references, and academic record help us gain insight into a student's level of achievement and character. In some cases, the personal statement can be a critical factor in the selection process.

Tips for a strong Personal Statement

- Read the instructions and make sure you understand them before you start writing.
- Think about what you are going to write and organize your thoughts before you start writing.
- Begin the writing process by writing an outline.
- Make sure your outline touches on every aspect required per the instructions.
- Write your statement by elaborating on each of the points in your outline.
- Use clear, concise and simple language throughout the statement.
- Be sure to check your grammar and spelling.
- Read the requirements for the statement again and then read your statement to be certain that it addresses every point.
- Have someone proofread the statement before you submit it.