

PERSONAL STATEMENT OR SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Paragraph 1: Introduction

- Grab the reader's attention
 - I am the first in my family to go to college.
- Introduce yourself to the committee/provide basic background information about yourself
 - My family moved from Mexico to the United States when I was 4 years old.

Paragraph 2: Challenges/Obstacles

- Share examples of obstacles you have overcome or challenges you are currently facing.
- Provide specific information (for example):
 - In addition to being enrolled as a full time student, I also work 20 hours a week.
 - I struggled in high school and didn't do well academically because...
- What did you learn from those experiences?
- How have those experiences affected or changed your life?

Paragraph 3: Career Goals

- What is your career goal?
 - I want to be a high school History teacher.
- Include detailed information about what you want to do (and why).
- If you are debating between two careers, let them know which ones and the reasons why you are undecided (why do you like each one?)
- If you don't know what career you want to pursue, skip to paragraph 4.

Paragraph 4: Educational Goals

- What is your educational goal?
 - I want to earn a bachelor's degree in communications and then obtain a master's degree in social work.
- Include detailed information about what you want to do (and why.)
- Include what schools you are considering transferring to in the future.
- If you find it's more convenient, you can combine your career and educational goals into one paragraph.

Paragraph 5: Conclusion

- Summarize the main points of your essay.
- Why are you such a great candidate for this scholarship?
- Remind them why it's so important for you to go to college.
- Why do you feel it is so important for you to get a degree?
- How will you give back to the community?
- Explain why you need the money.

- How would this scholarship help you?

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY (brainstorm)

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Paragraph 2: **Challenges/Obstacles**

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Paragraph 4: **Educational Goals**

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Paragraph 5: **Conclusion**

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