Personal Statements
Oregon Student Access Commission Scholarship Application

Sample only: This is for informational and practice purposes only. DO NOT SUBMIT.

Let your Personal Statements tell your story. Donors are looking for reasons why they should choose you for their scholarship award. Show the “unique you” in your Personal Statements and use correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Don’t repeat information already included in your application, such as that your greatest accomplishment is your GPA. Focus on something unique about yourself! For all Personal Statements, pay attention to the topic and any length requirements.

**Word Limit:** 1,000 character limit for each statement. You can copy and paste your statements from this practice sheet directly into the Personal Statements section of your OSAC Scholarship Application.

**Please note:** The Personal Statements section of your scholarship application has a limited data entry field for each of the four questions and will truncate your entry if it exceeds the 1,000 character limit.

1: Explain your career aspirations and your educational plan to meet these goals.

2: Explain how you have helped your family or made your community a better place to live. Please provide specific examples.

3: Describe a personal accomplishment and the strengths and skills you used to achieve it.

4: Describe a significant change or experience that has occurred in your life. How did you respond and what did you learn about yourself?