



## **Guidance for Writing Your Scholarship Personal Statement**

*(For Applicants to the School of Health Professions)*

Your personal statement is your opportunity to *introduce yourself* to the scholarship committee and *help us understand who you are as a future health professional*. Beyond academics and credentials, we want to learn about your *motivations, experiences, and commitment to serving others*. Below are suggestions to guide you in crafting a strong health-professions-focused personal statement.

### **1. Your Story and Background**

Share the experiences that led you to pursue a career in the health professions. This may include:

- Personal or family experiences with healthcare
- Inspiration from caregivers, clinicians, or public health professionals
- Challenges or obstacles you've overcome that shaped your resilience and determination
- Experiences that sparked your interest in your specific health field (e.g., clinical experiences, community service, shadowing, caregiving roles)

### **2. Academic and Career Goals in the Health Professions**

Tell us:

- What health-related program you are pursuing and why
- What aspects of healthcare or public health you are passionate about
- Your long-term professional goals (e.g., becoming a clinician, administrator, researcher, therapist, technologist, educator)
- How the scholarship will support your academic progression, training, or certifications

### **3. Accomplishments and Strengths**

Highlight strengths relevant to healthcare, such as:

- Academic achievements, especially in science or health-related coursework
- Hands-on experience in clinical, laboratory, community, or patient-facing settings
- Leadership roles in health or service organizations
- Work or volunteer experiences demonstrating compassion, professionalism, and responsibility
- Skills such as communication, cultural humility, teamwork, or problem-solving

### **4. Commitment, Values, and Impact**

Health professions require dedication to service. Consider discussing:

- How you contribute to your school, community, clinical setting, or patient population
- Experiences that deepened your understanding of health equity, advocacy, or patient-centered care
- What motivates you to serve diverse or underserved communities
- How this scholarship will help you advance your ability to make a positive impact

### **5. Why You Are A Strong Candidate**

Connect your personal journey to your future in the health professions:

- What makes you an exceptional fit for this scholarship
- How financial support will remove barriers or open opportunities
- What receiving this award would mean for your training and future impact on patients or communities

## **6. Writing Tips**

- Be authentic — let your true story and motivations shine.
- Be specific — share real experiences and examples.
- Stay focused — keep your statement organized and aligned with your goals in healthcare.
- Proofread — check for clarity, grammar, and flow.

*Your personal statement should reflect your commitment to improving health, supporting others, and growing as a compassionate and capable future health professional.*