

Personal Statements – What Will I Be Asked to Write?

Open-Ended Topics

- Provide any additional information you wish to bring to the attention of the Admission Committee. You may wish to discuss particular accomplishments, activities, employment, hobbies or professional goals.
- Please submit a personal statement not exceeding 500 words in length on a matter that interests you.

Past Experiences

- Please discuss any significant activities or work experience, which might enrich your study at our school.
- Describe an experience (either personal or professional) in which you failed. What did you learn from that experience?

Motives, Goals and Ambitions

- Tell us your reasons for seeking a professional education.
- At this point in your life, what motivates you to consider further education at our school?
- This statement is your opportunity to introduce yourself to the admissions committee and to discuss your personal and professional goals.
- Discuss how a degree from our school/program will assist you in reaching your short- and long-term goals.

Self-Assessment or Insight into Personality

- Please comment on your strengths and weaknesses in certain courses or activities.
- If you could have dinner with any three people (alive now or from another era), who would they be and what would you hope to learn from them?

Explain Deficiencies

- Please explain anything in your application that does not accurately reflect your abilities or potential for successful graduate study.
- Discuss any unique aspect of your personal or professional background that may not be adequately presented elsewhere in this application.