

# Personal Statement Instructions

## SAC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Your personal statement is **very important** and should be the first step in applying for scholarships at Santa Ana College. The Scholarship Committee uses the statement to learn more about you as an individual and to understand your experiences, accomplishments, and points of view. This statement gives you an opportunity to discuss attributes and experiences that may not be evident through a review of your academic records. Below is a list of items that you should consider covering in your statement. Please be specific and provide supporting evidence or examples.

## PERSONAL STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.) Briefly discuss your interest in your intended major; state your educational and career goals, explain how your interest in the field developed. (**High Importance**)
- 2.) Provide information about your family and work experience. List any unusual family or personal circumstances of special consideration that affect your finances and educational aspirations. (**High Importance**)
- 3.) Shortly provide information about your school and your involvement in community service. (**Optional**)
- 4.) State why it is important for you to receive a scholarship. How will a scholarship help you complete your educational goal and aspirations for a better life? (**High Importance**)
- 5.) Mention any special hardship (family, personal, financial, or other) that you wish the scholarship committee to consider. (**High Importance**)

### Required Length:

**Minimum length:** 600 words

**Maximum length:** 1,200 words