

Personal Statement Planning Worksheet

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Use this worksheet before you start writing. The goal is not a finished essay — it is honest raw material you can shape into one.

1. A Real Moment

Describe one specific moment that shaped your goals. Not a summary of your life — one real moment, with real detail.

2. What It Taught You

What did that moment actually teach you about yourself, your values, or what you want to do next?

3. Your Goal

In one or two sentences, what do you want to study or achieve, and why does it matter to you specifically?

4. Why This Scholarship

Why does this particular scholarship or opportunity make sense for your goal? Be specific, not generic.

5. The Challenge You Faced

If relevant, briefly and honestly describe a real obstacle you have faced. Focus on how you responded, not just what happened.

6. What Makes You Different

What would someone who knows you well say makes you stand out? Avoid generic words like 'hardworking' — give an example instead.

Before you write your draft: read back through what you filled in above. The strongest personal statements almost always come directly from one true, specific moment — not from trying to summarize an entire life story.