



Holland College Foundation

Scholarship & Awards Biography Guidelines

The following is a guide to help you tell the Student Awards Selection Committee a bit more about yourself and why you feel you qualify for an award. Feel free to briefly share about your interests, community involvement, exposure to a particular field, your involvement in athletics and leadership/personal attributes.

First Paragraph

- Include your name and the program you are taking.
 - Explain why you chose your program of study.
 - Identify experiences or how you meet the criteria of a specific award - why should you be selected for this award?
 - How have your experiences led you to this program (a course you took in school, teacher, family member etc.)?
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- When I asked myself why I feel I am deserving of this award I.....
 - My interest in this field started when.....
 - When I was involved with....it made me
 - Before enrolling in this program I..... (tell us about your high school experience).

Middle paragraphs

- What general events have shaped your life?
 - What attributes do you believe you have for this field?
 - What is important to you?
 - Briefly describe your financial situation.*
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- I have demonstrated my ability toby.....
 - Until now, I never thought about how much I....
 - It is important for me to
 - An event that changed my life occurred when.....
 - I learned a big lesson in life when
 - My involvement inhas..... (volunteer, athletics, community involvement, etc.)
 - My financial situation is.....because.... **(see note below)*

**(Please note that if an award does not require financial information, do not include this information.)*

Final paragraphs

- How do you see yourself in the future?
 - What would you like to do when you graduate?
 - What effect will receiving the award have on your life?
 - What are your goals?
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- Upon completion of this program....
 - When I graduate I plan to.....
 - If selected for this award, I
 - With this support, I will be able to.....
 - If successful, the financial support of this award will.....