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 student awards. 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.
- How have your experiences led you to this program (a course you took in school, teacher, family member etc.)?

- 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 …..

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.

- I have demonstrated my ability to …..by…….
- 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 in ….has…… (volunteer, athletics, community involvement, etc.)
- My financial situation is……because…..

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?

- 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…..