

Personal Statement Assignment

The Personal Statement is Professor Brown's best means of getting to know you and your best means of creating a context for your academic performance. When you write your personal statement, tell me about those aspects of your life that are not apparent from your academic record. Tell me about the experiences that don't show up on your transcript.

Paragraph 1. The Autobiography

Answer at least two questions.

- Where is your hometown? Home-country? What do you love/miss about your hometown or country and how has being from there shaped you as a person? Explain, in detail, the uniqueness of your hometown from other cities or countries.
- What major have you declared and what career do you aspire to have? Explain why you chose the major and career.
- What makes you unique? Explain an interesting fact about yourself.
- Describe a personal or professional goal that is important to you.

Paragraph 2. Obstacles to Overcome

Choose at least one hardship and explain how you overcame it or the steps you are taking so that this obstacle will no longer be a hindrance. You may write about more than one.

- Describe a personal hardship in attaining your education
- Describe an experience that affected your academic performance due to work or family obligations
- Describe unusual limitations or opportunities unique to the schools you attended opportunities or challenges in pursuing your educational goals.

Paragraph 3. Achievements

Identify at least one of your most significant activities and achievements during grades 9-12.

In a few bullets or sentences, indicate your contribution. You may write about more than one.

1. You may include activities, skills, achievements, or qualities from any of the following categories:
2. A personal achievement or goal
3. Leadership in or outside of school-e.g., athletics, student government, cultural clubs, band, scouting, community service, employment, etc.
4. Activities in which you have worked to better your school or community
5. Exceptional achievement in an academic field or artistic pursuit
6. Personal endeavors that enrich the mind, e.g., independent research or reading, private dance or music lessons, weekend language/culture school.

Paragraph 4. Quote/Advice

Create a quote or a paragraph of advice that would best motivate, inspire, or encourage someone to continue obtaining an education, pursue his or her dreams, or to never give up in life. What quote or advice would you give someone?

Submission Date:

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Please, **bring a copy of the essay to class AND email to Christopher.Brown@hccs.edu**

- Times New Roman with a 12 pt. font.
- Include page numbers at right margin
- Double Space with indented paragraphs

Heading Example

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