

## **SAMPLE PERSONAL STATEMENT OUTLINE**

Your name  
Your address  
City, State, Zip  
Phone number  
Email address

### **BRIEF INTRODUCTION**

Introduce yourself  
Why do you want to go/return to college?  
Are you a first generation college student? Adult student?

### **ACADEMIC GOALS:**

What are your academic goals?  
Which degree are you seeking?  
What is your expected graduation date?  
Where are you enrolled? GPA (if good)?  
What have you already completed?

### **CAREER GOALS:**

What are your career goals?  
What are you working towards?  
Why?  
In what way will you give back  
or reach back in the community?

### **PERSONAL EXPERIENCE**

You may want to think of a personal experience that has helped shape who you are.  
Have you had to overcome a big obstacle?  
What is a dream or goal that is currently motivating you?  
Did you overcome a hardship in your life?  
Did you serve in the military? What branch? For how long? Were you deployed?  
Employment – how many days and hours do you work?  
Are you involved in community service? Extra-curricular activities?

### **FINANCIAL NEED**

How will this scholarship help with your educational goals?  
Financial need?