

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please provide a typed personal statement, double spaced, not exceed two pages, about your educational objective and future career goals. Please explain the reason for the gap in your post high school education.

Questions you may want to ask yourself before you write:

- What's special, unique, distinctive and or impressive about you or your life story?
- What details of your life (personal or family problems, history, people or events have shaped you or influenced your goals) might help the committee better understand you or help set you apart from other applicants?
- When did you become interest in your major/career interest and what have you learned about it (and about yourself) that has further stimulated your interest and reinforced your conviction that you are well suited for this major/career interest? What insights have you gained?
- How have you learned about your major/career interest? (Through classes, readings, seminars, work or other experiences, or conversations with people already in the major/career interest)
- Have you had to overcome any obstacles or hardships in your life? (For example: economic, familial, or physical)
- What personal characteristics and/or skills do you possess that would improve your prospect for success in the major/career interest?
- What distinguishes you from other applicants who may apply?