

Diversity Statement for Scholarship Application

Introduction

Begin with a brief introduction about yourself, including your background and the purpose of your statement. Explain the importance of diversity to you personally and academically.

Personal Background & Identity

Describe relevant aspects of your identity, background, and experiences. This can include (but is not limited to) your ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, religion, disability, or other factors that have shaped your perspective.

Experiences Shaping Your Perspective

Share specific experiences—challenges, achievements, or interactions—that highlight how your background has influenced your educational journey, viewpoints, and aspirations.

Contribution to Campus Diversity

Discuss how you will contribute to diversity on campus or within the scholarship program. Mention skills, perspectives, or initiatives you bring that will encourage inclusion, awareness, and cultural understanding.

Future Goals

Explain how embracing diversity aligns with your academic and career goals, and describe any future plans to promote equity and inclusion in your field or community.

Conclusion

Summarize your key points and reiterate your commitment to fostering a diverse and inclusive environment.

Important Notes:

- Be authentic and honest; focus on your unique experiences and perspective.
- Highlight both challenges and growth—adversity may show resilience, but emphasis on contributions is important.
- Stay within the recommended length (often 1 page or 500–800 words).
- Avoid over-generalizations or stereotypes about any group.
- Edit carefully for clarity, organization, and grammar.