

Rubric for Writing a Personal Statement

Criteria	weight	4 - Exceptional	3 - Admirable	2 - Acceptable	1 - Attempted
Introduction	15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Extremely well-developed introduction. <input type="checkbox"/> Has an attention grabber. <input type="checkbox"/> Has a transition into the next paragraph 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction creates interest and is fairly well developed. <input type="checkbox"/> Contains some background information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction adequately explains the background, but may lack detail and creativity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Background details are a random collection of information <input type="checkbox"/> Unclear, or not suitable for a personal statement <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction boring and uninteresting
Main Points and Body Paragraphs	40%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Story is clearly developed with colorful and lively description <input type="checkbox"/> There is a clear and consistent point of view used throughout the story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Well developed main points <input type="checkbox"/> Directly related to the purpose of the statement <input type="checkbox"/> Detail is descriptive and interesting. <input type="checkbox"/> There is a clear point of view 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> There are clear points, but they lack detail. <input type="checkbox"/> Points and descriptions are not very interesting and do not keep the reader's attention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Details are either uninteresting or lacking <input type="checkbox"/> Undeveloped thoughts <input type="checkbox"/> Tells rather than explains with detail
Organization/Structure	15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Focused and logical <input type="checkbox"/> Progression of ideas with a clear structure <input type="checkbox"/> Transitions are mature and graceful. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Logical progression of ideas. <input type="checkbox"/> Transitions are present throughout statement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Organization is clear. <input type="checkbox"/> Some Transitions are present 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No discernable organization. <input type="checkbox"/> Transitions are not present
Sentence Flow and Mechanics	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Followed instructions. <input type="checkbox"/> No errors in punctuation, spelling, grammar, or capitalization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Punctuation, spelling, grammar, and capitalization are generally correct with few errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Several errors in punctuation, grammar, spelling, and capitalization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Distracting with many errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling, and capitalization

Assignment Score _____

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