Use the Personal Statement Outline as a template for writing a scholarship statement. If you would like assistance, make an appointment with the MiraCosta College Writing Center and bring the outline with you to your meeting. The Writing Center Consultants are good writers who have experience talking with students and will help incorporate your outline into a final scholarship statement. For times and locations, visit their website www.MiraCosta.edu/WritingCenter or call (760) 795-6861 to make an appointment.

MiraCosta College Scholarship Application - Personal Statement
The Personal Statement must be typed, double-spaced, one page preferred - two pages accepted, with your name and MiraCosta ID# at the top of each page, and stapled to the scholarship application. Scholarship awards are based on merit and your Personal Statement. Address the following areas in your essay:

1. **What are your Education and Career Goals** (list your major or certificate program and how it relates to your career goal. If you are undecided on a major or career goal, state what you hope to learn in college.)

2. **List Extracurricular Activities** List activities you are involved in besides school; for example: employment - how many days/hours per week you work, volunteer work you have done for in the past or are currently doing, clubs you belong to on-campus and off-campus, sports teams involved with, etc.

3. **Other Information you would like to share about yourself.** Share information about yourself that will make you stand out for a scholarship, for example: did you overcome a hardship in your life, serve in the military (what branch, for how long, were you deployed), are you a single parent, or international student, etc.? What is your financial need, and how will a scholarship help with your education and career goal?