

HOW TO WRITE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ESSAY

Tips

- Keep it to **one page!**
- Type it!
- Use an easy-to-read font like Times New Roman or Arial
- Check spelling & grammar!
- Have someone review it!

Still have questions?

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A personal summary is a requirement to apply for scholarships at Iowa Lakes Community College. The essay needs three specific parts, but should also be concise.

Part I – Personal history:

- Interests
- Activities
- Volunteer work and/or community service
- Include **information** here **that meets specific personal criteria for the scholarships you are applying for** such as the high school you attended, the county you live in, whether one or both of your parents graduated from Iowa Lakes or if you have a documented disability.

Part II – Educational and career goals:

- Academic plans at Iowa Lakes – including the program/major you're enrolling in, campus you will attend, etc.
- Career goals – are you going to transfer to a 4-year college or university or are you making plans to work once you graduate from Iowa Lakes?

Part III – Why you are deserving of or need a scholarship:

- How will a scholarship make it easier for you to attend college?
 - Will you be able to work fewer hours?
 - Live on campus instead of driving?
 - Complete your program quicker?
 - Be able to afford to transfer to a 4-year college or university sooner?
- Thank the committee for considering you for the scholarship.