

Definition of a Personal Statement

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curriculum vita

- A resume in narrative form.
- A journal entry.
- A plea of justification for the scholarship.

authentic.

It is the heart of your application.

A personal statement *is*:

- A picture.
- An invitation.
- An indication of your priorities and judgement.
- A story, or more precisely, *your* story.

A personal statement is *not*:

- An academic paper with you as the subject.

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Getting Started....



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An Exercise in Self-Reflection

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From a Faculty Representative: The Truman and Marshall Scholarship Processes As Educational Experiences,