

## Tips for Writing Your Foundation Scholarship Personal Statement

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Prior to filling out your LaGuardia Community College Foundation Scholarship application, it is important that you first review the application requirements [here](#) and please read this document thoroughly. The personal statement you submit should reflect your voice, experiences, and what motivates you.

### General Tips and Suggestions

- **Please note if you are an F1 visa student, you first must visit the ISS office ([International Student Services](#)) in Room B-117 to get approved before applying online**
- Please do not use any artificial intelligence (e.g. ChatGPT, Grammarly, SiteGBT, Google AI)
- Write your letter in a clear and well-constructed format
- Express enthusiasm and authenticity about your background, family life, college program and academic achievements
- Keep your personal statement to 3 paragraphs between 200 to 250 words
- Speak to why you are attending LAGCC and describe your extracurricular activities (e.g. clubs, honors activities, mentorships, athletics and community volunteering)
- Express the unique qualities that make you stand out from the crowd
- Contact the [Writing Center](#) in B-200 before submitting your essay
- Discuss your future career goals and how can the foundation scholarship assist you in this effort
- Write in the present or active tense as if you are manifesting the award

It is important that you use this opportunity to express ***your story*** through a literary picture as a person, student, and future LAGCC scholarship candidate. Do this by highlighting your skills, accomplishments, future aspirations.