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# Personal Statement Guide



Your personal statement is one of the most important documents in your application process. It's your chance to express yourself!

## Getting Started

For some, the hardest part of writing your personal statement can be simply just starting out! Here are some pointers to keep in mind when thinking about what to include:

- Your interests and hobbies
- Your school and college life
- Work experience
- Future plans/aspirations

## Interests and Hobbies

For this section, try to highlight any skills you have learnt through hobbies and activities which take place outside of school. Many hobbies teach you a variety of skills. It could be from team sports, music, volunteering work. Do you create short films in your spare time? Mention it here!

## Work Experience

This section should include any relevant experience and skills that you have gained from part time positions or work placements. Having work experience under your belt shows that you're willing to put in time and effort to work towards your future career goals. Whilst having a part time job shows that you are disciplined and organised.

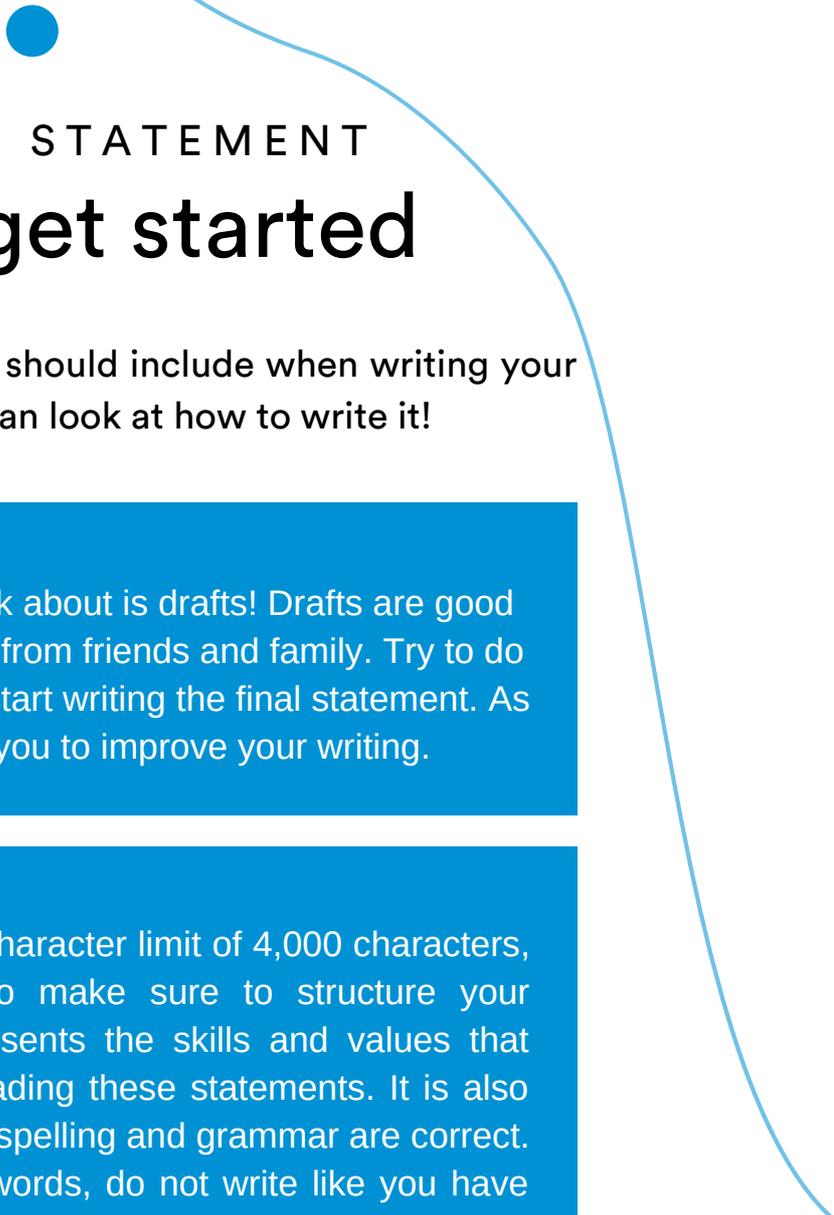


## School and College life

At this point, your school life may be where the majority of your experience and skills come from. So make sure to include anything which you think might be relevant to your application, this includes any extra curricular activities or positions of responsibility you held!

## Future Plans/Aspirations

This is another important section when writing out your personal statement. Thinking about what you want to do in the future. Is this course related to your future career goals? Have you studied the subject before? Is this completely different to what you have studied in the past, what helped you to make this decision?



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# How to get started

Now that you know what you should include when writing your personal statement, now we can look at how to write it!

## **Draft it!**

The first thing you should think about is drafts! Drafts are good since you can get some input from friends and family. Try to do at least one draft before you start writing the final statement. As input from others could allow you to improve your writing.

## **Structure and style**

A personal statement has a character limit of 4,000 characters, with a limit of 47 lines. So make sure to structure your statement in a way that presents the skills and values that universities look for when reading these statements. It is also important to ensure that your spelling and grammar are correct. However, write in your own words, do not write like you have just looked for the fanciest words in the dictionary!

## **Give Examples**

When listing your skills, provide relevant examples. Do you have good leadership skills? What situations have you been involved in which prove this and how you can demonstrate it.

## **Sum it up**

Last but not least, the conclusion! The conclusion should summarise your main points and finish with a point on why the university should choose you for the course!

