

Sample: *Personal Statement for York Scholarship*

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Submit a personal statement of 300 to 500 words (typewritten pages) as described, and include the following:

- 1. Reasons you selected York College.**
- 2. Reason(s) you feel that you should receive the scholarship**
- 3. Benefits you've received from any community service experience**
- 4. Contributions you feel you can make or are making as a York College student**

My two passions in life drew me to York College. While some of my fellow high school classmates looked for a campus close to home, others chose the freedom of being far away. Some looked for specific programs of study like pharmacy or law enforcement. Others just followed their friends. I, however, chose York because it is the only school in New York where a student can play in a jazz band and also fly airplanes, the two overwhelming passions of my life.

I have been playing the trumpet since I was seven years old. My uncle had an old horn, which he let me fool around with when I was a child. I still have that trumpet and have learned to play it pretty well. York's Jazz program and classes are both strong academically and allow students to perform with other musicians. I plan to continue following this passion here at York as a minor and then as a life-long hobby.

My other passion, Aviation, is what I want to major in at York and then find work in that field. I want to fly but I also want to understand the business and management areas of Aviation. One day, I hope to manage airport operations at one of New York's major airports. Only York College could offer me the chance to fly an airplane, learn about airport operations, and at the same time make music with my trumpet.

I believe that I would be a worthy recipient of a York Scholarship. I did well in high school and after one year at York, I have completed 29 credits and have a 3.47 G.P.A. I belong to the flying club and perform with York Jazz ensemble. Also, with the help of one of my music professors, I have organized a group of student musicians and we go to nursing homes in Queens to perform old favorite jazz numbers for the senior residents. Seeing the smiles and clapping and singing along by people who are my grandmother's age makes me feel that I am really helping those people to have a better quality of life.

I am a student who is proud to be at York and will continue to contribute to the quality of student life. I plan to be a leader in the flying club and the jazz ensemble and eventually in student government, where one of my main goals would be to increase the number of paid internships for students. I myself plan to intern at Kennedy airport or with one of the airlines such as Jet Blue. When the managers there see how hard I work, how focused I am, and how well educated I have become, they will not only want me to continue working with them, they will also want more interns and full-time workers who study at or have graduated from York College. (480)

REMINDER: Always proof read your Statement/Essay before you submit it.

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