

SCHOLARSHIP AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Your autobiography should be single spaced in Times New Roman font, size 10 or 12, and it should not exceed one page when printed. The length may be hard to obtain, so choose your words carefully and eliminate excess words.

Your autobiography **MUST BE ERROR-FREE**. Proof read. Ask your parents to proof read. Ask your English teacher. This is the most important part of the Application Packet.

A good scholarship autobiography consists of four parts.

I. Introduction:

Include your personal history, including interesting facts about you, your home life and family.

Think about:

In addition to your immediate family, do you have an extended family that has changed your outlook or perception of the "real" world?

Have you received any special awards? Sports, academics, the arts?

How do you spend your "free time?"

Are you involved with your community? Volunteering, church, or extracurricular school activities?

Travel experiences?

Awards/honors received

II. The career you plan to pursue and why

Be specific, if you can. What kind of engineer (structural), doctor (oral surgeon), nurse (neo-natal), architect (landscape), etc.

(Do **NOT** state that you picked your career so you can "make a lot of money.")

Think about:

Did a special circumstance occur that made you choose this career?

What school or advanced training do you plan to attend to meet your career goal? Why?

III. Special circumstances

Why are you applying for a scholarship? Explain any financial needs

Think about:

Are your parents close to retirement age?

Are there a lot of college-bound children in your family?

Are you a member of a single-parent household?

IV. Summary

One or two sentences summarizing how this scholarship will help you. Include a "thank you" to the scholarship committee for considering your application