

Tips for making a good Written Statement

Many scholarships use a written statement as part of their selection criteria to choose the best candidate. This is your opportunity to make your application stand out from the rest:

If you are asked for a written statement it can be one of the most important parts of your scholarship application as it is a summary of YOU! A couple of minutes spent writing a few paragraphs may help to get you money in your bank account. The following points may help in your application:

- In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements, your written statement can show who you are and how the scholarship would help you financially.
- Scholarship committees meet to select recipients and they need to know a bit about you and why you are the most deserving candidate for the scholarship.
- If there is no interview required, the written statement may be your only opportunity to "sell yourself" and tell the committee why you should get the scholarship.
- Don't be afraid to talk about types of disadvantage you might be experiencing. The information you give is confidential and protected under our Privacy Policy:
<https://www.jcu.edu.au/policy/corporate-governance/information-privacy-policy>
- Scholarship Donors would like to ensure the scholarship benefits those deserving. So if a written statement is required, it is an opportunity to tell them about your situation, as well as the content subject of what they ask for.

And don't forget:

- Include everything asked for
- Why should they pick you? Sell yourself
- Allow plenty of time to fill out the form and gather your documents
- Watch out for the deadline – closing dates are final.

Scholarships@jcu.edu.au is where you can go for any questions or help you need, or alternatively call us on 07 481 16473.