

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! Time spent writing a few paragraphs may help you achieve an award winning application. The following points may help in your application:

- Keep to the length indicated in the application requirements. It is important not to go over the specific number or words (if indicated) or go too far under the specified words – within 90%-100% would be acceptable.
- If there is no interview required, the written statement may be your only opportunity to "sell yourself" in its content.
- If the written statement has several points that you need to cover, ensure you answer every point.
- 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.
- Don't be afraid to talk about any challenges 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 in the application
- Why should they pick you? Sell yourself
- Allow plenty of time to fill out the application 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/ or Chat from the website.