

## **Tips for Completing the Personal Statement**

Once you have selected the scholarships and filled out the Application Form, you are ready to create the attachments.

One attachment is the Personal Statement. This is an opportunity for you to convince the readers that you are deserving of a scholarship award, so you want them to get to know the real “you”. Express appropriate points in regard to your interests, your aspirations, and experiences which have formed your character to this point in your life. For example, if you are applying for a scholarship which specifies a major in nursing, then be specific about your interests, aspirations, and any experience applicable to a nursing career.

If you have not yet settled on a major, then outline a plan which will help you decide, so the reader knows you are sincere about your college future. In all cases, it is important to be open and honest regarding your desires regarding a further education.