

# Personal Statement

In approximately 700 - 1000 words, typewritten and double-spaced, please describe your educational goals and personal history.

**The Post-Prison Education Program endeavors to assist students who demonstrate promise.**

Each of the following questions and considerations are indications of promise and should be addressed in your statement:

- Describe persevering against substantial obstacles prior to or during imprisonment. This could include persevering against economic disadvantage, family, or personal adversity or other social hardships, disability, prejudice or discrimination.
- Describe meaningful contributions you have made to family, workplace, and community. Include your special talents or unique life experiences.
- What excites you about attending college?
- What are your career goals? How will attending college help you attain your career goals?
- In the broadest sense of the words, who are you? What is important to you?
- Where do you want to be in 10 years?
- By giving time, money, and resources to an applicant, the Post-Prison Education Program is choosing to invest in him or her to the possible exclusion of others. Why do you think you would be an excellent choice for the Post-Prison Education Program?
- Include any other appropriate information about yourself or your unique background you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider (examples could include employment history, education background, evidence of or potential for leadership).