

# Personal Statement Instructions

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An important part of the admissions process is the personal statement. This is your opportunity to shine by telling why you want to come to the Wayfinders Program as well as something about you. This includes facts about your background, goals, and any other information that you think will help us learn more about YOU.

BE CREATIVE. The personal statement can be handwritten or typed, a portfolio, video recorded, etc. Any electronic submissions must be on a flash drive, as a DVD/CD will easily break during the mailing process. **The maximum allowed time for video recorded personal statements is 5 minutes.** Materials submitted will not be returned.

**Your personal statement must include #1 through #4.** #5 through #10 are optional to include:

1. Your name.
2. Why you want to be accepted into the Wayfinders Program.
3. Special interests.
4. Include specific areas you want to learn while in the program.
5. Describe 1-2 opportunities/trips you have taken without your parents/family.  
Include:
  - # of days
  - Destination
  - Purpose (e.g. vacation, conference, etc.)
  - How you felt about being away
  - Who you traveled with
  - Mode of transportation
6. Things you like to do in your free time.
7. In school, name your favorite subject(s).  
Your least favorite subject(s).
8. Your strengths.
9. Areas you would like to improve upon.
10. Describe any paid and/or volunteer work experience.  
If none, state professions/work skills, you are interested in exploring.