

SHPEP Personal Statement Guidelines

This statement is an opportunity to share why you are interested in pursuing a health professions career, and what makes you an ideal SHPEP scholar. Include any economic, cultural, and/or social experiences, obstacles you have overcome, and or community service that shaped your interests a particular health profession.

Points to consider when writing your personal statement:

- How your personal background, interests, and experiences have influenced your decision to pursue a career in healthcare.
- What do you want program sites to know about you that has not been disclosed in another part of the application? Your interests and/or experiences in reducing health care disparities, advancing diversity, and improving health care for all.

The available space for your personal statement essay is **600 words** or approximately one full page.