

## SHPEP/MSIPI Personal Statement Guidelines

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

Points to consider when writing your personal statement:

- How has your personal background, interests, and experiences 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? Some examples could include 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.

**\*Please note:** If you are applying to different health tracks (e.g. **medical** at one site, **dental** at another site), please ensure your personal statement addresses each health track.