Structure for Essay/Narrative Personal Statement

Introduction: Anecdote that leads to thesis—about 1.0 percent of total characters

Thesis: (Sample!) My volunteer experiences, love of science and strong desire to serve others will make me a successful ____.

Body About .3 percent of total characters per paragraph

Topic Sentence 1 My volunteer experience as a ____ has shown me how important communication skills are to ___, and I believe my strength in this area will help me be a caring and effective ____.

Example(s) to illustrate TS 1

Topic Sentence 2 The study of science has always fascinated me and this quality will only grow as I learn more about the human body.

Example(s) to illustrate TS 2

Topic Sentence 3 As important as clinical experience and a love of science is, I truly believe my desire to help others will make me a successful medical school student and practitioner.

Example(s) to illustrate TS 3

Conclusion About .05 percent of total characters
Introduction
What anecdote might you lead with?

Thesis
What areas/categories will you discuss to advance your candidacy?

TS1
Write a topic sentence that includes one of the categories of information you’ll use to advance your candidacy. Follow with a few examples from your experiences to illustrate your point.

TS2

TS3

Conclusion
How can your return to your beginning anecdote to make a full circle?