

## Structure for Essay/Narrative Personal Statement

<b>Introduction:</b>	Anecdote that leads to thesis— <b>about 1.0 percent of total characters</b>
<b>Thesis:</b> to	<b>(Sample!) My volunteer experiences, love of science and strong desire to serve others will make me a successful ____.</b>
<b>Body</b>	<b>About .3 percent of total characters per paragraph</b>
<b>Topic Sentence 1</b>	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
<b>Topic Sentence 2</b>	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
<b>Topic Sentence 3</b>	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
<b>Conclusion</b>	<b>About .05 percent of total characters</b>

Introduction

What anecdote might you lead with?

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Thesis

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

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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.

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TS2

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TS3

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Conclusion

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

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