

What to include in a College Application Statement:	Some Things to Remember:
<p>Colleges are looking for you to answer <b>four</b> simple questions in your supporting statement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Why Do You Want To Study The Subject?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Here you need to talk about the <b>passion</b> you have for the course subject.</li> <li>• Are you hoping to build a career in the subject area?</li> <li>• <b>Show</b> that you have an interest, using <b>examples</b> from your life. <i>e.g. If you are applying for vehicle maintenance talk about when you fixed a bike at home and what this experience taught you.</i></li> <li>• The college do not want you to drop out of the course half-way through, show them that you won't.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <i>What Makes You A Good Candidate For The Course?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think hard about your <b>strengths</b> and how these suit the course (or the job that your course might lead to).</li> <li>• Show commitment to and interest in the subject.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <i>What Relevant Experience Do You Have?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss anything you have done that relates to the course topic.</li> <li>• Volunteering, hobbies, school work experience, courses or subjects that are relevant are all good to mention.</li> <li>• <b>This does not need to be paid experience!</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>4. <i>Why Do You Want To Study At That Particular College?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They <b>don't</b> want to hear that you are only interested because they are the closest college.</li> <li>• Look at the course page on the website, what about it specifically appeals to you, this shows that you have <b>researched the course</b>.</li> <li>• If you have had any good feedback on the college from parents or siblings or friends that has helped form your opinion, mention this.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Try to keep it to half an A4 page (typed).</li> <li>• You are trying to <b>impress the college</b>, if it only took you 10 minutes to write your statement, you haven't given it enough thought!</li> <li>• Make sure that you write in <b>full sentences</b>, with correct <b>spelling, grammar and punctuation</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Avoid waffling!</b> If you are struggling, structure your answer by the four questions (on the left) to keep it focused.</li> <li>• If you aren't confident with paragraphs, try using <b>bullet points</b> to make yourself understood.</li> <li>• Always make sure that somebody else has read your statement <b>before you send it</b>. This will catch any silly mistakes.</li> </ul>