This document is the heart \( \heartsuit \) of your application.

The statement should be concise and not redundant, as it is used as an indicator of your writing ability and to determine whether or not the program suits your needs. You will be selected for an interview based on your carefully thought out responses to these questions and many of the interview questions from the admission committee/panel will be taken from this document. So, select your responses thoughtfully and authentically. When you have answered all the questions, compile your responses into a narrative format and have someone(s) (professors, the Writing Center, Career Services, friends, etc.) edit and/or proof it with you.

- **WHO am I?** (A personal history is fine if it is relevant to your decision or what you intend to pursue in school. Write a personal narrative of the characteristics, attitudes, values, and/or skills you think will make you a good candidate for your professional role. Write in the first person tense (vs. third person).

  **Characteristics:**

  **Attitudes:**

  **Values:**

  **Strengths:**

  **Special Skills:**

- **WHAT experience do you have in your field?** What have you already done professionally or personally of which you are proud? Include any leadership roles you have taken in any area. Please include a chronological history of all professional experience, as well as academic honors or achievements you have earned.

  **Professional Accomplishments:**
  (What are you most proud of?)

  **Personal Accomplishments:**
  (What are you most proud of?)

  **Academic Honors and/or Achievements:**
  (List them: degrees, awards, special training...
Professional Experience:
(In chronological (date) order):

Administrative, Supervisory or Management Experience:
(In chronological (date) order):

Related Volunteer Experience:

- WHAT formed or led to your decision to major in ____________ and pursue a career in the field of ____________? It’s fine to mention professors (or others) who inspired your work and thought, and why.

- And, what research or steps have you taken to make sure this is the “right” career path for you? (job shadowing, informational interviewing, classes, job experience, research, personal connection, etc.)

- (A.) WHAT course of study do you want to pursue at graduate school and,
- (B.) WHY do you want to study it? Think very seriously about why you really want to go to graduate school and put it in your statement.

- WHY does it make sense for me to study at _____________ College/University? (What is attractive to you about the program you are applying to: Is it the... University? Faculty? Research? Other reasons?)
- **WHO do I want to be?** Describe personal goals you would like to achieve in the next 5 - 10 years. Include in your description reasons why these goals are important to you.

  **Personal Goal:**
  Why:

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  Why:

  **Personal Goal:**
  Why:

- **WHAT kind of contribution do I want to make, and how?** WHAT do you plan to do with your degree once you have it? Where do you see yourself in: 5 years? 10 years? Describe several professional and/or career goals you would like to achieve in the next five-ten years. Include in your description reasons why these goals are important to you.

  5 yr. **Professional Goal:**
  Why:

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  Why:

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  Why:

  5 or 10 yr. **Professional Goal:**
  Why:

  5 or 10 yr. **Professional Goal:**
  Why:

Include your response to any other questions not mentioned previously that were specified in your application materials and that pertain to your “statement” here - or - incorporate them in the body of your “statement.”

*A Final Reminder: When you have answered all questions, compile your responses into a narrative format and have someone(s) (professors, the Writing Center, Career Services, friends, etc.) edit and/or proof it with you. The “final” version you submit needs to be error free and grammatically correct! Good luck! 😊