

# Biography for Med Obs

**Email me your biography WITH your last name and Biography in the title of the document. i.e. provost biography.doc Don't forget to include your name in the biography itself. I will return any biographies that do not follow these rules.**

This statement will be used as part of a secondary application (depending on the school you have applied to) AND for the MSUM Health Professions Committee interview. You should provide this biography to anyone who will write a letter of recommendation for you. Your advisors use this document to help make certain we know who you are. Use your biography as a way to help your letter writers create the best letter for you. You are limited in words and what your personal statement has to say. Your advisors do not have this limitation. If you have something that can or should be included in your letter of recommendation, this is the place to do it. As such this will be seen by others who will be writing about you and should be written carefully.

- Please state where you are from and a little about your life before starting college. Include any info on your activities and hobbies. Where are you from, what about your family growing up.
- Also include a paragraph or two about what kind of things you have done to prepare yourself for medical school and being a good physician/physician's assistant.
- Tell us about yourself as a person, not just you as a premed. What hobbies do you have, interests, clubs activities and so on... Help us get a good picture of who you are.
- Think of some of the things you wrote about in your self assessment. It is possible that something you came up with in that activity could easily be used in your biography.
- I think a simple statement of why you want to go to medical school /PA school should be clearly stated in the biography. There are a number of places that you can put this, but it does make a nice closing statement.
- Also if there are any things about you or your record that you wish to address such as grades retakes of classes or anything else of that nature can go here. Just don't be defensive as you do it.
- Give us two or three reasons that you are a good candidate for medical school and why you would be a good physician or physician's assistant. Include examples or support. Avoid statements such as "because I want to as the human body is fascinating". Instead consider an example in your life that gives you this feeling.
- Finally remember that while this statement is about you, it should still show your empathy for patients, a patient centered attitude, and a passion for the very difficult and rewarding career you are about to embark upon.