

# Onward Application Personal Statement

*Note: This personal statement replaces the personal statement (essay) portion of your University of Maine application.*

Help us to get to know you better. Please write a personal statement that tells us something about you. Your personal statement may be as long or as short as you wish, but as a general guideline, consider writing approximately 500 words. (That's about two double-spaced, typed pages or three handwritten pages.) Your personal statement is a significant part of your admission application; therefore you are encouraged to be as thoughtful, thorough, and candid as possible. You may write about any topic or topics of your choice. Some topics to consider:

- What life experiences bring you to this moment in your life and how do they affect who you are today?
- What are your hopes and dreams for the future?
- What challenges and successes in school or at work bring you to this place of applying to Onward?
- Describe an event in your life that changed you in some way or taught you something about yourself.
- What is something you are passionate about and why?
- Who is someone you admire and why?

If you have questions about the application essay or wish to talk about your essay with someone, call us at 207.581.2320.