**Personal Mission Statement**

A personal mission statement is a chance for you to put in writing the general direction you want your life to take.  Some of us go through our lives never really thinking about what we can do and what we would like to achieve with our talents and skills.  Ask yourself the question, “What is the purpose of my life?” Successful people often write their own personal mission statements.  Thinking about your personal mission statement can help you to begin taking charge of your life.  The statement is not anything that should be set in stone, but rather a working document, that you modify as you move from one phase of life to another.  The following four questions will help you to develop a **three to four sentence statement that clearly reflects your values, talents, and goals.**

1.  What do you value? Friendships? Money? Physical Fitness? Family?  
2.  What are your strengths and talents?  
3.  What do you want to do or work toward during the next two to three years?    
4.  How would you like other people to see you?  How would you describe your characteristics?

**Sample Mission Statements**

*I want to make a positive difference in the lives of others, even if only in a small way.  It is through a college education that I hope to secure a career in nursing, so that I am able to support myself and someday a family.   Through a career in nursing I want to be able to help people not only physically, but I want to be able to put my patients at ease with my warm and nurturing personality.  I want to live a life that I will never regret or look back on as unfulfilled.*   
  
*I want to share my good fortune with children.  I was raised in a home with a lot of love, and I want to use my patience and caring to motivate children to learn and take advantage of their education.  I plan on using my college education to secure a career in teaching, not only for personal fulfillment, but for financial security as well.  Buying my own home and taking the opportunity to travel before settling down to have my own family is a priority for me once I have attained a college education.*    
  
*My mission is to take every advantage of the opportunities that college and life provides me.  I hope to travel through study abroad programs, and experiment with different careers through my college experiences. I hope to identify a career that will fulfill my desire to use my artistic abilities in graphic design, and allow me to earn enough money so that I am able to still pursue my first passion which is music.    
  
To remember where I have been and where I will go through maintaining positive relationships with family and friends. I will choose the ethical way by making a personal commitment to honesty and integrity. To find peacefulness within myself by looking inward while using my heart to guide my dreams and desires, and my mind to pursue knowledge, creating balance among all of my obligations. To content myself in my surroundings so I will always know where security lies within my life. To build a reputation of being dedicated to every goal I choose to pursue while having successes in both my personal and professional life. To enjoy every moment along this journey finding laughter, love, and happiness with each day that passes.*