

100 Best Quotes for Personal Statement

Motivation, passion, courage and leadership — these are what the best personal statement quotes could help you with in demonstrating your reasons and your uniqueness for applying to a particular study and university. Below is a good list to start with when looking for great quotations to help you get there — success.

Personal Statement Clichés

1. Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. —Charles Swindoll
2. I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination. —Jimmy Dean
3. Believe you can and you're halfway there. —Theodore Roosevelt
4. Too many of us are not living our dreams because we are living our fears. — Les Brown
5. Do or do not. There is no try. —Yoda
6. Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve. — Napoleon Hill
7. Nothing is impossible, the word itself says "I'm possible"! —Audrey Hepburn
8. Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right. —Henry Ford
9. Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence. —Vince Lombardi
10. When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it. —Henry Ford
11. The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any. —Alice Walker

- 12.The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity. —
Amelia Earhart
- 13.All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.--Walt
Disney
- 14.Good things come to people who wait, but better things come to those who
go out and get them.—Anonymous
- 15.If you do what you always did, you will get what you always got. —
Anonymous
- 16.Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds
discuss people. --Eleanor Roosevelt
- 17.I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work. --Thomas A.
Edison
- 18.A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others
have thrown at him. --David Brinkley
- 19.The whole secret of a successful life is to find out what is one's destiny to
do, and then do it. --Henry Ford
- 20.The ones who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the
ones who do.—Anonymous
- 21.Success is walking from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm. --
Winston Churchill
- 22.The only way to do great work is to love what you do. —Steve Jobs
- 23.If you hear a voice within you say "you cannot paint," then by all means
paint and that voice will be silenced. —Vincent Van Gogh
- 24.Build your own dreams, or someone else will hire you to build theirs. —
Farrah Gray
- 25.Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value. —Albert Einstein

26. I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions. —
Stephen Covey
27. Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke
of luck. —Dalai Lama
28. Don't raise your voice, improve your argument. —Anonymous
29. What seems to us as bitter trials are often blessings in disguise. --Oscar
Wilde
30. The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.
—Anonymous
31. The distance between insanity and genius is measured only by success. --
Bruce Feirstein
32. I believe that the only courage anybody ever needs is the courage to follow
your own dreams. --Oprah Winfrey
33. No masterpiece was ever created by a lazy artist. —Anonymous
34. Do one thing every day that scares you.—Anonymous
35. What's the point of being alive if you don't at least try to do something
remarkable.—Anonymous
36. Life is not about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.--Lolly
Daskal
37. Nothing in the world is more common than unsuccessful people with talent."
—Anonymous
38. Knowledge is being aware of what you can do. Wisdom is knowing when
not to do it. —Anonymous
39. If you don't design your own life plan, chances are you'll fall into someone
else's plan. And guess what they have planned for you? Not much. --Jim
Rohn

- 40.If you genuinely want something, don't wait for it--teach yourself to be impatient. --Gurbaksh Chahal
- 41.Don't let the fear of losing be greater than the excitement of winning. -- Robert Kiyosaki
- 42.You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have. —Maya Angelou
- 43.I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear. —Rosa Parks
- 44.I would rather die of passion than of boredom. —Vincent van Gogh
- 45.If you're offered a seat on a rocket ship, don't ask what seat! Just get on. — Sheryl Sandberg
- 46.How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. —Anne Frank
- 47.The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be. —Ralph Waldo Emerson
- 48.We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone. —Ronald Reagan
- 49.Everything you've ever wanted is on the other side of fear. —George Addair
- 50.Nothing will work unless you do. —Maya Angelou
- 51.I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples. —Mother Teresa
- 52.What we achieve inwardly will change outer reality. —Plutarch
- 53.If you want to achieve greatness stop asking for permission. –Anonymous
- 54.Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out. -- John Wooden
- 55.A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.——Albert Einstein

56. I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do. —Leonardo da Vinci
57. If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else. —Booker T. Washington
58. Limitations live only in our minds. But if we use our imaginations, our possibilities become limitless. —Jamie Paolinetti
59. Success is... knowing your purpose in life, growing to reach your maximum potential, and sowing seeds that benefit others. --John C. Maxwell
60. Be miserable. Or motivate yourself. Whatever has to be done, it's always your choice. --Wayne Dye
61. To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong. —Anonymous
62. If you are not willing to risk the usual you will have to settle for the ordinary. --Jim Rohn
63. Trust because you are willing to accept the risk, not because it's safe or certain. —Anonymous
64. Just when the caterpillar thought the world was ending, he turned into a butterfly. —Proverb
65. Opportunities don't happen, you create them.--Chris Grosser
66. Try not to become a person of success, but rather try to become a person of value. --Albert Einstein
67. If you want to make a permanent change, stop focusing on the size of your problems and start focusing on the size of you! --T. Harv Eker
68. The number one reason people fail in life is because they listen to their friends, family, and neighbors.--Napoleon Hill
69. In my experience, there is only one motivation, and that is desire. No reasons or principle contain it or stand against it.--Jane Smiley

70. Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter. --Francis Chan
71. You've got to get up every morning with determination if you're going to go to bed with satisfaction. --George Lorimer
72. A goal is not always meant to be reached; it often serves simply as something to aim at. -- Bruce Lee
73. Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower. --Steve Jobs
74. Thinking should become your capital asset, no matter whatever ups and downs you come across in your life. --A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
75. The first step toward success is taken when you refuse to be a captive of the environment in which you first find yourself. --Mark Caine
76. When I dare to be powerful, to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid. --Audre Lorde
77. The successful warrior is the average man, with laser-like focus --Bruce Lee
78. There is no traffic jam along the extra mile. --Roger Staubach
79. Develop success from failures. Discouragement and failure are two of the surest stepping stones to success. --Dale Carnegie
80. Success does not consist in never making mistakes but in never making the same one a second time. --George Bernard Shaw
81. I don't want to get to the end of my life and find that I lived just the length of it. I want to have lived the width of it as well. --Diane Ackerman
82. You must expect great things of yourself before you can do them. --Michael Jordan
83. Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going. --Jim Ryun
84. People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing. --Dale Carnegie

85. There is no chance, no destiny, no fate, that can hinder or control the firm resolve of a determined soul. --Ella Wheeler Wilcox
86. I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have.--Thomas Jefferson
87. The starting point of all achievement is desire.—Napoleon Hill
88. Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day-in and day-out. --Robert Collier
89. If you want to achieve excellence, you can get there today. As of this second, quit doing less-than-excellent work. --Thomas J. Watson
90. We become what we think about most of the time, and that's the strangest secret. --Earl Nightingale
91. The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.--Vidal Sassoon
92. Too many of us are not living our dreams because we are living our fears. --Les Brown
93. I find that when you have a real interest in life and a curious life, that sleep is not the most important thing.--Martha Stewart
94. The road to success and the road to failure are almost exactly the same. --Colin R. Davis
95. The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers. --Ralph Nader
96. All progress takes place outside the comfort zone.--Michael John Bobak
97. You may only succeed if you desire succeeding; you may only fail if you do not mind failing. –Philippos
98. Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear--not absence of fear. --Mark Twain

99. People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing-- that's why we recommend it daily. --Zig Ziglar

100. Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it. -- Maya Angelou

These are personal statement clichés that you might want to use in your college or university essay. You may want to use one of these in framing your message and directing your essay towards the direction you want to head in, which is to demonstrate you have the motivation, passion and courage to pursue the study and succeed later in life.

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