



A personal statement is an essay that specifically connects you to the internship program. You should articulate how your background, skillset, and passion complement and connect with the stated goals and directives of the internship program.

Personal Statement Prompt

Four Oxen's Mission is to promote and support those who protect and nurture the most vulnerable members of our society.

Reading this might lead to a very reasonable question – *who is vulnerable?*

There are many organizations ranging from the WHO to the UN to the CDC who have created definitions as to who they believe are the most vulnerable populations. It is also not uncommon for people to cite Matthew 25:35-36 as to who they believe are vulnerable:

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.

Although the definitions vary, none of them are wrong. Whether you are talking about the hungry or the displaced or victims of abuse – all are vulnerable, and all need help.

In addition to the preface as to what should be in your personal statement, you should also be sure to incorporate the following:

- What is your definition of who is vulnerable?
- What is the group you are most concerned about?
- Why are you concerned?
- Why them, rather than the countless other groups that need help?
- Why now?
- Why should Four Oxen commit time and resources towards this issue?
- What strengths would you bring to the internship program?
- What help and support do you believe you will need to be successful?

These are not a series of questions that should be answered in order, but these are the kinds of questions that your personal statement should provide insight upon.

Best of Luck!