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REAL WORLD WRITING SERIES Personal Mission Statement

A mission statement is "a general statement that identifies what you're all about." *Creating the Personal Mission Statement* by Jeffrey Gitlin is a resource that provides an excellent model to help you compose a personal mission statement for your life. Why is it important to develop a personal mission statement? It is important because it will help you to focus on the things that are most important to you.

Writing a personal mission statement offers the opportunity to think about what is important in your life. It is a chance to think about what you want to achieve in your life. It is a chance to think about what you want to contribute to the world. It is a chance to think about what you want to leave behind for the people who will come after you.

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THE FIVE-STEP PLAN FOR CREATING PERSONAL MISSION STATEMENTS (Don't fall on the writing job line by missing out on this!)

Step 1. Identify Core Values

Think about the things that are most important to you. What do you value? What do you want to achieve? What do you want to contribute to the world? What do you want to leave behind for the people who will come after you? Write down your answers to these questions. These are your core values.

Step 2. Imagine Values in Action

Think about the things that you want to achieve. How do you want to achieve them? What do you want to contribute to the world? What do you want to leave behind for the people who will come after you? Write down your answers to these questions. These are your values in action.

For example, if you value family, you might write down the fact that you will be there for your family for the rest of your life. If you value education, you might write down the fact that you will continue to learn throughout your life.

Step 3. Identify Contributions

Think about the things that you want to contribute to the world. What do you want to contribute to the world? Write down your answers to these questions. These are your contributions.

- your family
- your friends
- your community
- your school
- your country
- your world

Step 4. Identify Goals

Think about the things that you want to achieve. What are your goals? Write down your answers to these questions. These are your goals.

Step 5. Write Mission Statement

Now that you have identified your core values, your values in action, your contributions, and your goals, you are ready to write your personal mission statement.