

Graduate Program Admissions

Directions for Admissions Statement

Goal Statement (up to 500 words)

- ⇒ Explain academic and career reasons why you are pursuing a graduate degree in Agricultural Education, focusing on areas of either Education, Communication, or Extension Education.
- ⇒ Describe professional experiences in the fields of formal or non-formal education or communication. Specify the length of those experiences.
- ⇒ Describe your goals for pursuing a graduate degree and articulate how your professional experiences relate to your graduate career goals.
- ⇒ Describe a topic that you might use for a thesis, creative component, or dissertation.

Tips for a successful statement:

- ⇒ Avoid vague and clichéd statements. Provide specific examples that illustrate what sparked and will sustain your passion.
- ⇒ Focus on one or two concrete experiences to discuss what interests you in pursuing a graduate degree as a professional and as a scholar.
- ⇒ Cover all the areas above in your statement. You don't need to follow the specific order. Focus on telling a cohesive story.
- ⇒ Strive for the 500 words recommended. Do not repeat your cv or resume, but explain any aspects as needed.