**Writing an Autobiography  
for a Scholarship Application**

**What to Include**

1. **Background**
   1. What happened before you came to LBCC?
   2. Give some general information about your background. What special needs or obstacles have you overcome?
   3. How have you gotten where you are?
   4. Why are you here?
   5. Avoid detailed childhood references that do not apply.
2. **Educational/Career Goals**
   1. Give a brief explanation of your schooling before LBCC?
   2. What is your area of interest? What work excites you?
   3. What is your major? If you have not chosen a major, why?
   4. What type of work do you want to do and why?
   5. Do you have any work experience in the field?
   6. How do you plan to achieve this goal?
3. **Financial Need**
   1. Explain any special circumstances that affect your finances. You may have health issues, child care problems, a large number of people in your family or your work load which makes coming to school difficult.
4. **College or Community Activities:**
   1. Are you involved in school clubs, PTA, Boy/Girl Scouts, AA, single parent organizations, or religious activities?
5. **Explain any special circumstances.**

Be clear. Explain what you mean. Be honest. Be specific. Avoid profanity, slang, or a negative attitude.

All autobiographies must be one page, typewritten. If you cannot type, ask someone to do it for you. Proofread your paper. Check your spelling. Ask someone else to read it.