



Sample Student Biography

Writing a Student Biography

A short biography is a great way to introduce yourself and to let peers, professors, admissions officers, and potential employers know more about you.

Here are some elements you should consider before writing your bio:

- 1. Purpose and Audience** – what you want to accomplish and who your intended audience is are the two most important considerations before you start writing. Ask yourself who is likely to read your biography and what information they might benefit from.
- 2. Register and style** – a student biography does not need to be overly formal, but the level of formality should be chosen based on item “1” above.
- 3. Content** – start with a short introduction, including first and last name and some anchoring information such as what area of study you are pursuing. Follow up with any honors and awards. Describe a bit of your academic experience and any pertinent extra-curricular activities. Finish with plans for the future and professional direction.
- 4. Other elements** – write in third person. Depending on purpose and audience, as well as educational and employment history, a student bio can vary in length from one to three paragraphs.

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Sally Elizabeth Mitchell is a third-year student at Arizona State University's New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, where she is pursuing in a degree in Biology (BS) and a minor in Communication. She is the recipient of an NCUIRE research scholarship, which has allowed her to engage in research on river pollution, working alongside one of her professors. In her studies, Sally is focusing on biodiversity and sustainable practices while also furthering her knowledge of endangered species and marine ecosystems. Her interest in communication stems from her goal of communicating the importance of conservation to a large audience. Ms. Mitchell has worked as an intern at the Phoenix Zoo for the last two years. Upon completion of her undergraduate studies, she intends to apply to graduate school to further her knowledge of biology and progress toward a career as a researcher.

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