PERSONAL NARRATIVE ESSAY – 100 points

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|  | **Not at all** | **Some** | **Average**  **(5 or more errors)** | **Good**  **(3-4 errors)** | **Excellent**  **(1-2 errors)** | **TOTAL** |
| **Purpose (30 points)** | | | | | | |
| Essay is a personal narrative of the student’s background and how he or she came to MACU including a goal or hope for the year/college education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Style and Syntax (28 points)** | | | | | | |
| Words spelled correctly |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Avoids comma splices, run-ons, and fragments |  |  |  |  |  |
| Verb tense remains consistent |  |  |  |  |  |
| Point-of-view remains consistent (1st) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Subject-verb agreement is correct |  |  |  |  |  |
| Proper use of punctuation marks |  |  |  |  |  |
| Words chosen are the most effective choice (avoids slang, contractions, etc. as needed) |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Content Development (35 points)** | | | | | | |
| Personal story is concise but clear – says what the reader needs to know |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Told in chronological order (beginning to end of the portion of the story being told) Introduction and conclusion are evident and serve their purpose. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Creates interest and engages the reader with the story |  |  |  |  |  |
| Includes a goal or hope for the year and/or time at MACU |  |  |  |  |  |
| Awareness of audience and voice - readability |  |  |  |  |  |
| Structure of paper is easily followed - paragraphing |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transitions direct the reader between portions of the story |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Form/ Disciplinary Conventions (7 points) NO YES** | | | | | | |
| Follows APA guidelines | | | |  |  |  |
| Headers on each page | | | |  |  |
| Proper margins and double-spaced | | | |  |  |
| ALL Times New Roman font, 12 pt. | | | |  |  |
| Paper is of appropriate length (500-750words) | | | |  |  |

Total: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ /100 POINTS

Assignment Criteria:

Write a personal narrative in which you summarize your life and what brought you to MACU. Format the essay to the appropriate APA standards. Pay attention to spelling and grammar. You must submit the Final Draft to Turnitin on Moodle.