

## *Student Success Portfolio Program*

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2. How long have you been involved in the particular activities?
3. What did you enjoy most about your participation in the activity?
4. How did your participation in that activity help you in other areas of your life?
5. Do you have any mementos of your participation that you found to include in your portfolio? For example, certificates, pictures, letters, newspaper clippings, etc. will all serve as reminders of the activity when completing scholarship or bursary applications.

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