Instructions for Writing Explanations of Qualifications

Each of the RNFOO Awards and Scholarships has specific criteria. In order to better evaluate your application for each award, judges have requested that candidates articulate their qualifications for each award.
The award criteria* and, in some cases, the award backgrounds** should be consulted when you prepare these explanations.

*see the **2027 RNFOO Awards and Scholarships Brochure & Eligibility Guide**
** see the **Award Backgrounds pages** of the RNFOO website

Here are a couple of samples:
Award: The Josephine Flaherty Scholarship
Qualifications: I am currently in the final year of my RPN to BScN program. My passion for nursing is rooted in my commitment to caring for people, particularly young people, and my dedication to making a difference in whatever ways I can. I started my first volunteer work 10 years ago. Through a connection made by my Girl Guide leader, I visited lonely people in a nursing home three times per week for two summers. Since then, I have been a volunteer leader in Girl Guides of Canada for 5 years. I have also become involved with a group that organizes semi-annual 'clean up days' in the Don River.

Award: The Diabetes Nursing Interest Group Scholarship
Qualifications: I first joined the Diabetes Nursing Interest Group in 20XX, when my clinical placement was on the dialysis unit at Hamilton Health Sciences. I have maintained my membership in this Interest Group since that time. Currently I am pursuing my MN so that I can move into a leadership role in clinical management of diabetes in the community health care centre that serves Brantford, ON. Many of the clients at this centre are Indigenous.