

PiE Scholarship Workshop

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PiE Alumni Scholarship

Award Amount: **\$2000**

Eligibility: PiE students in their last year of high school, moving on to postsecondary education

Application components

- Short response questions (3x 200 words)

- Unofficial transcript

- Recommendation letter

- Interview

Application due Friday April 15th, 2017



Recommendation Letters

- Recommendation Letter
 - Approach early on.
 - Someone who knows you well.
 - Follow-up emails as necessary.

Submit application online!

<https://pioneers.berkeley.edu/programs/scholarship>

Cracking Scholarship Essay Questions

Practice Prompt

How has your favorite class affected the way you see the world?

Brainstorming

There's no bad idea
Just get it out on paper
Bounce ideas off of friends

Essay will “fall out” from ideas



Your turn!

Rough Draft

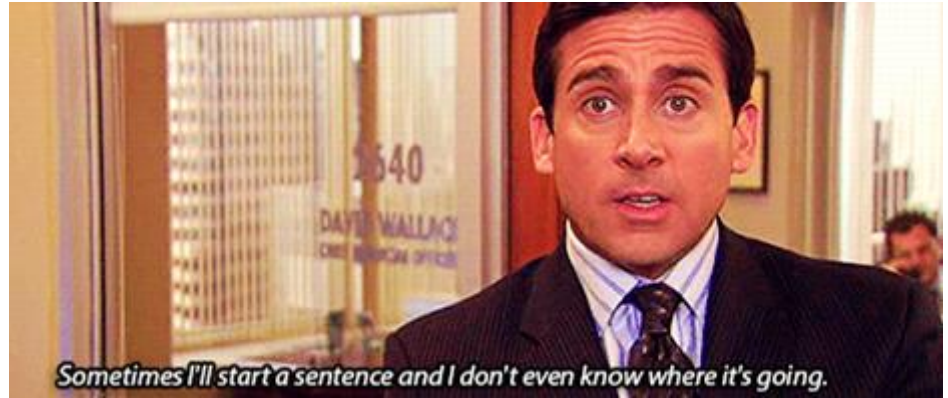
Different approaches

Brain dump

(Sorta-)Popcorn style

Can edit, clean up, cut down later

Goal: Get story on paper



Your turn!

Proofreading & Revising

Essay format:

Example: TP-CD-CM-CM-CS

Topic Sentence

Concrete Detail/Example

Commentary

Concluding Sentence

Peer Review *of first drafts*

Organization

Does it flow? Is the argument clear?

Not how the story is told

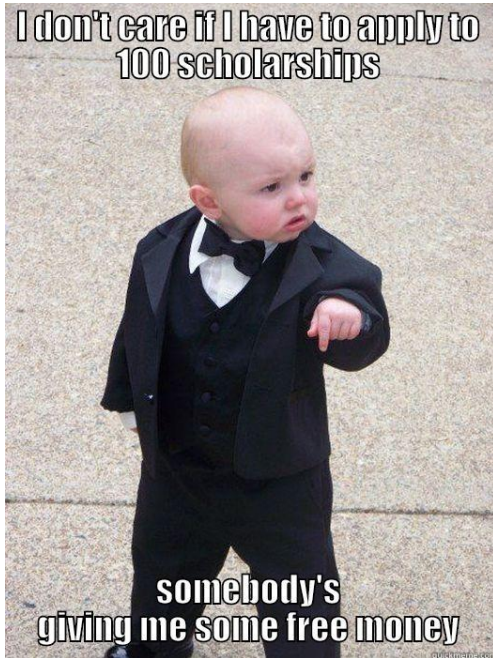
Just because you would tell it differently, doesn't mean they should

High-level comments!

Your turn!

Recap

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Start application early.

Brainstorm, write, proofread, revise/re-write essays.

Draft in Word Processor (not the online site).

Ask people to proofread: friends, teachers, counselors, PiE mentors.

Ask for rec. letters early & follow-up.

Look around for other scholarships too.

Keep in mind

- 1.No grammar or spelling mistakes
- 2.Be as concise as possible
- 3.Don't thesaurus-ize your essay
- 4.Show, don't tell
- 5.Answer the question

Most importantly

Be Genuine

Questions??

Email: scholarship@pioneers.berkeley.edu