Tell us about who you are. How would your family, friends, and/or members of your community describe you? If possible, please include something about yourself that you are most proud of and why.

My motto: staying true to myself. In middle school I held the record for wearing the same outfit eight Fridays in a row. While others were showing off their trendy clothes, I wore my signature blue tee and black shorts. Being in my own lane has always been my identity; I take pride in being different and expressing myself the way I want to, no matter ~~of~~ people’s opinions.

Throughout my years as a teenager, I have learned that everyone has their own roles in their surroundings, be it a community or even the world. Following a traumatic life-changinge experience with my best friend, I wanted to express myself differently by writing a book. I for made fun of for being nerdy. However, despite all the negative discouragements, I decided to listen to my heart and express myself in my own way. As a result, I felt a huge relief as I released the book. Moreover, I received good feedbacks from my friends who initially made fun of me. That moment taught me that the only opinion that mattered was mine.

I believe that there are seven billion people in the world, each of us with our own unique characteristics and ways of expression. Being myself is something that I will always be proud of and will be one of my biggest weapons going forward. I don’t care if I’m not popular, or mainstream, or famous. I want people to remember me as who I am.

Hi Danendra,

Reading through your essay, I admire that you always stray true to yourself. However, I feel like this essay is written in a manner that only tells your story and not showing who you are. The essay does tell something about who you are, but not enough to tell the readers how you feel and how you’ve grown to the person you are. Since this essay is short, you may want to focus on one life changing experience that you think really defined you. Aside from that, please do ensure that you have correct punctuation and grammar. Having proper grammar and punctuation shows the admission officers that you clearly care about the quality of your essay.

I look forward to the development of your application.

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