This essay is still over by 8 words. Help!

At Penn, learning and growth happen outside of the classrooms, too. How will you explore the community at Penn? Consider how this community will help shape your perspective and identity, and how your identity and perspective will help shape this community. (150-200 words)\*

**Answer: (150-200)**

1. **In what kind of community? (Music Clubs, Christian church, Basketball clubs) —> How can I contribute and enrich our perspectives through sharing of knowledge and experience**
2. **GO DEEP from the 1st question (Music: Perform in theatre or acapella, Christian: Play in church band)**

As an avid guitarist, I wanted to take the opportunity from one of the most diverse schools in the US to improve my skills with various musical styles. In Indonesia, I was mostly exposed to Indonesian/Western pop songs. However, at Penn, I would explore music and experiment with new lyrics, genres, and arrangements. Imagine having a band with bassist from Uganda, pianist from China, drummer from Germany, singer from US, and me, as the guitarist. Penn’s “Media and Entertainment Club”, the largest student-led organization which hosts numerous events and explore various channels in music, would be my gateway to yield new colors to the community.

In addition, I would audition for Penn Quakers’ basketball team – the most dominant team in the Ivy League with 39 championships. I am excited to learn from the best. I hope that one day I could participate in the NCAA and Ivy Championships with my fellow Quakers. Finally, I look forward to joining the Penn’s Equestrian Team, a sport I had no access to back home. From music and sports, the myriad of opportunities Penn offers in furthering my interests while exploring new ones provides ways to be immersed in Penn’s culture as well as exposing my Indonesian identity in this diverse community.