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Rob - GRFP sent, some edits given

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Nate

Things to remember: don’t overshare personal issues + don’t try too hard to impress. Just state the obvious.

**How to write this thing anyway**

**Notes to keep in mind**

be concise

Format it in latex when done

Change the school-specific stuff and CHECK THAT YOU’RE SUBMITTING THE RIGHT DOCUMENT

Cite publications in an easy way

**The formula**

**Start concisely (3 sentences or less)** - summarize the state of the field, school ZZZZ is where I want to do that because of YYYY

**Illustrate how you are qualified** - Follow this formula

1. What led me to research experience
2. What was the experience - use the funnel
3. Difficulties you overcame
4. What I learned from that research experience and how it is applicable to future studies
5. If it is different from what I’m currently going into, why?

**Conclude** - Describe why the program is a good fit - can get into some personal reasons here if they apply. Reaffirm that you will work hard for the school and move on to bigger and more ambitious things. Describe how this program aligns with your life goal