

Workshops for Teens & College Students

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I am a multi-published fiction author, former adult & adolescent counselor and corporate trainer. This summer I am offering small-group workshops for teens, college students, and recent graduates. These courses are designed as an efficient, cost-effective way to bridge the gap between most students' formal academic education and the practical, professional writing required in day-to-day life and career.

To ensure personal attention and individualized learning, groups are limited to 8-10 participants, and most are held in the relaxed setting of my home in Roswell, Georgia (unless otherwise noted). To register, or if you have questions about whether a group is right for you or your student, please contact me at mj@mjpullen.com.

Practical Writing for Students/Graduates: July 11-13, 2018

This series is designed to give students a leg up on both academic work and early professional interactions and experiences. Individual sessions are \$65 each, two for \$120, or take the full series of 3 for \$150.

****Register with a friend or sibling and get an additional 10% off!****

Session 1: Pro Strategies for Organizing & Editing Your Work

Date: Wednesday, July 11
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Best for: Rising HS Juniors, Seniors, Early College Students (Non-English Majors)

Goals: Learn to write college entrance essays, academic papers, and other pieces more efficiently, with less stress. I will offer practical, tried-and-true advice—gleaned from both my fiction and business writing experience—to help you get organized and work faster. I will also provide a tips and tools for editing and polishing your work once you've completed it. Save time and get better results from your writing!

Please bring: A printed 5-10-page sample of your nonfiction writing (essay, term paper, etc.)
Pad, notebook and/or device (laptop/iPad, etc.)
Bottle of water, snack if desired

Cost: \$65 (pick 2 sessions = \$120, all 3 sessions = \$150)

Session 2: Beginner's Guide to Resumes & Cover Letters

Date: Thursday, July 12
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Best for: Rising HS Juniors, Seniors, College Students (All Majors), Recent Grads

Goals: Your first resumes and cover letters are often the hardest to create. As a professional writer and former Human Resources manager, I can help you craft polished, professional materials that will impress future employers and graduate schools.

Please bring: Current resume (if you have one) or a list of educational/work experiences with dates
Pad, notebook and/or device (laptop/iPad, etc.)
Bottle of water, snack if desired

Cost: **\$65** (pick 2 sessions = \$120, all 3 sessions = \$150)

Session 3: Basic Business Communication Skills

Date: Friday, July 13
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Best for: Rising HS Juniors, Seniors, College Students (All Majors), Recent Grads

Goals: Learn to write effective emails, PowerPoint presentations, query letters, proposals and other written communications – whether you are applying for a job, requesting a professor's recommendation, or planning a meeting.

Please bring: Laptop/iPad
Bottle of water, snack if desired

Cost: \$65 (pick 2 sessions = \$120, all 3 sessions = \$150)

Teen Creative Writing Mini-Residency: July 16-18

For aspiring young authors who want a taste of professional writers' workshops, or to prepare for the experience of college-level creative writing courses.

Date: Monday - Wednesday, July 16-18
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Best for: Rising HS Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors

Goals: Get experience reading your creative work aloud to peers in a workshop environment and get feedback from a professional author. Learn to give and receive constructive creative feedback, and explore the benefits of critique. Each student will have the opportunity to develop one piece of short fiction, creative non-fiction and poetry. We will also discuss the publishing process, careers in writing, and next steps toward your writing goals.
Students should plan to work on writing their pieces between sessions.

Please bring: 5-10 pages of fiction (first day -- short story or beginning of a novel/novella)
Laptop or paper for writing
Bottle of water, snack if desired

Cost: \$150

Writing a Killer College Essay: July 28

Get a jump-start on college application season by mastering the art of the powerful, effective personal essay.

Date: Saturday, July 28
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Best for: Rising HS Juniors & Seniors

Goals: Practice brainstorming ideas, responding to common essay questions and organizing your thoughts to wow college admissions teams. Learn how emotion and empathy are key to compelling essays. Create an outline for a sample topic and a strong opening paragraph. Prepare a series of idea cards to help you respond to a variety of application questions without using canned responses. Includes a critique of one essay, up to 5 pages, via email.

Please bring: Laptop or paper for writing
Bottle of water, snack if desired

Cost: \$115* (Includes a 5-page critique of one essay via email. Must be used by 2/28/19)