

Motivationsschreiben für einen Freiwilligendienst in Lateinamerika – Muster

Sprache: englisch

Dear Sir or Madam,

I was enthusiastic about the “weltwärts”-programme since I first found out about it during my Internet research for voluntary service in Latin America.

My name is Katharina Renke, I am German and 17 years old and I am attending a grammar school called “Maria-von-Linden Gymnasium” at the moment. In spring 2013 I will do my general qualification for university entrance in Maths, German, English and Spanish.

In this letter I want to reveal why I want to do a voluntary service especially in a developing country, which ambitions I have, which personal motives constitute my interest and, above all, why I am your best choice.

There are a lot of reasons why I want to volunteer for social work in Latin America during twelve months in the context of the “weltwärts”-programme.

First of all, I am interested in voluntary work in the field of education, because here I see the biggest gaps. Education represents the base for further development and especially English as a “Lingua Franca” is very important in the age of globalisation. I want to pass on my enthusiasm for the English language to the children. It’s not about imposing European methods of learning, but about working together creatively. After all I want to promote self-help and at the same time campaign for equal opportunities.

Besides I’ve already gained intercultural experience during a four-month stay in England and therefore know how fantastic it is to get to know a new country, its people, its culture, its food, its language, its landscape ... I am ready to adapt to the new way of life in Latin America and I am aware that I will reduce my demands particularly concerning the standard of living.

According to this point, I see the “weltwärts”-programme as a chance for young people like me to promote tolerance, international exchange and friendship.

Furthermore I hope that the voluntary service will contribute to the development of my personality and thus sensitise me to social injustice in this world, which will probably help me in finding my profession. So far I am planning to work in the film and theatre business. I am especially interested in directing because it requires empathy, social competence, creativity and organising ability. I would like to arouse the children’s enthusiasm for the English language and help them overcome their restraint of speaking English within the scope of an English theatre group.

There are several reasons why I think I am your best choice for a voluntary service in Latin America.

Motivation:

I am open to new cultures, languages and people and I am willing to adapt to the way of life in Latin America. It’s obvious that I will have to reduce my demands concerning the standard of living during my stay and encounter people without prejudice, because this is the only way I treat them with the necessary respect that will only be returned under these circumstances.

Of course I am open and willing to learn much more during this year.

Experience:

As I myself have four siblings and also regularly do baby-sitting, I know how to handle kids and I am aware that a mix of respect, love and authority at the same time is required.

Moreover I am self confident and haven't got any problems with speaking in front of people as I was joining the English drama club of my school during several years. There I often proved my organising ability and capacity for teamwork.

In addition I bring along a lot of experience in teaching children and teenagers, since I have regularly given extra lessons for two years, four hours a week. I teach English, Spanish, French and Maths.

I am good at preparing the lessons and I am always pleased to see the pupils' progress and success. Concerning the length of the stay I don't have any worries, because I know how it feels to be away from home or rather family and friends for a longer period of time due to my four-month stay in England in 2010.

Knowledge of the language:

I have a good knowledge of the Spanish language both written and spoken and combined a language course in Madrid with a two-week stay in a Spanish family this summer. Besides I speak English very well due to a four-month stay in England. In both languages I will do my written exams for the A levels in spring 2013.

Also I do have a good knowledge of the French language and did the written and oral DELF-exam in 2010 (certificate available).

I'd appreciate the opportunity of an interview and remain at your disposal. If further information is required, I will send it to you.

Thank you for considering me for the position as a volunteer in your project.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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