

Why I want to go to Rwanda for Community Service Work

By



**Application
Rwanda Project USVI
2009**

Applicant name:

Address:

Home phone:

Cell phone:

Email address:

Date of birth:

Name of parents or guardians:

Parent/guardian phone home phone:

Email address:

School:

Grade:

Major area of scholastic interest:

Hobbies:

Club or school organization membership:

Community service work:

English & Reading

Reading, dancing, and helping my community

Spark, Gems

J. Edward Kean High School
Grade: 10

Application Attachments

Have you ever taken a look at your life and compared it to the life of others around you? Have you ever wondered why the world is the way it is? Well, I have. Born (17) seventeen years ago on August 17, 1991, I am [REDACTED]. My life up to this point has been filled with ups and downs, both good and bad. I have seen and heard things that many people my age have never and probably will not have to experience. However, I now realize that life is what we make it and I have also learned how important it is for me to value what I have because there are people out there that are less fortunate than I am.

Although I enjoy writing short stories and poems, and listening to music both old and new, I also like to help others. I love that squirmy feeling I get when I see someone smile after I've helped them out. When I get older, I hope to build my career as a Pediatrician where I can help children. Children are the light of the world and they bring new meaning to life.

This past year, I have heard stories of all sorts of people about my age in Rwanda and some of the problems that they have in their daily lives. The more I learn about this, the more hurt I become. My heart aches every time I have to hear about hungry and homeless children. No child asked to be brought into the world and because of this they should be treated fairly. They should be loved and nurtured at all times. They should not be neglected, abused, or taken advantage of in any way. At every time possible, some one has to and should stand up to help them in their given situations and to lend them a helping hand. I personally feel that if I get this one chance to go to Rwanda to do community service it will not only be an honor to me, but it will be a great opportunity and experience for me to help the children of Rwanda see something good come from the kindness of others. This hopefully will help them to see that people on the outside really do care.

December 4, 2008

To whom it may concern:

It gives me great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for [REDACTED]. I have known her for the past year and a half as a student here at IEKHS. Throughout her time in school thus far, [REDACTED] has proven to be a very hard worker. I have had an opportunity to observe her participation and interaction in class and I must say it amazes me to see how open she is to extending a helpful hand to those in need. [REDACTED] always does her best to excel above the others and is always punctual for classes. She is dependable and honest. She is also always ready and willing to learn what was being taught. [REDACTED] follows instructions well and tries her best to meet her goals as well as those set for her. In many ways, [REDACTED] is looked at as a role model to others.

It is without reservation that I nominate [REDACTED] as a chosen student to go on the trip to Rwanda. This will not only be a good learning experience for her, but it will give her an opportunity to extend her compassion to others that are less fortunate. I know she will be a very valuable asset.

For further discussion or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Department of the Army
Ivanna Eudora Kean High School Army JROTC
6501 Red Hook Plaza, Suite 3
St. Thomas, USVI, 00802

December 4, 2006

To whom it may concern

Cadet [REDACTED] [REDACTED] joined the Army Jrotc at the beginning of the school year. Cadet [REDACTED] has always displayed a can do attitude. Cadet [REDACTED] works very hard to accomplish all assignments given to the JROTC class. Cadet [REDACTED] always gives her best at whatever she sets her mind to do. Cadet [REDACTED] has joined the JROTC Color Guard which is one of our most prestigious teams even though it is a challenge for her, but she gives 100% and more.

Cadet [REDACTED] will be a great asset to this school as they go to Rhwanda to represent the US Virgin Island, St. Thomas, Eudora Kean and her family.

For further assistance I can be contacted at [REDACTED]

Leroy A. Mars
Army JROTC Instructor

Financial Information

All participants will be required to travel with \$1200 for food and incidentals. This does not include \$600 for gorilla permits.

In addition to the \$1800 (assuming you want to see the gorillas), how much money would you anticipate being able to contribute to the other expenses (air fare, accommodations, transportation)? \$_____

*This will **not** be a factor in determining who will be chosen for the project.*

However, the **\$1200 for food and incidentals** is required and **cannot** be obtained through donations from community donors or benevolent organizations such as Rotary or Lions or community foundations .*

* **Rwanda Project USVI** is dependent upon community donors and organizations for expenses and project costs. We ask students to raise money through jobs, their own fund raising events, church groups or parental/family support only.