

Ms. Hiring Manager  
Member Coordinator  
Organization Name  
Street Address  
City, State Zip Code

Dear Hiring Manager,

Throughout my search for post-graduate opportunities in the New England region, I have yet to find an organization that aligns so precisely with my values as does the mission of DIAL/SELF Youth and Community Services. From my four years of study in studio art, my summers as an assistant teacher at a wilderness school, and my role as a Resident Assistant I have discovered the power and possibilities of empowering young people through experiential and creative processes. As an Americorps member with DIAL/SELF, I anticipate bringing enthusiasm, curiosity, creativity, and humility to the table while collaborating with fellow members to create an atmosphere of trust and empowerment for the youth we serve.

As a Resident Assistant I have developed a broad range of transferable skills, from clear communication to educational programming. In the past year I have found myself compassionately engaging with students who are considering suicide, have experienced sexual trauma, eating disorders, crippling anxiety, and homesickness. In each encounter I relied most heavily on my ability to listen, reflect, support, and encourage students to take action in whatever capacity was most suited for the situation. I anticipate using these skills to actively engage with and connect on a personal level to youth coming from a variety of backgrounds in the greater Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts.

Additionally, as an artist I have come to recognize how self-fulfilling and healing the creative process can be. I have developed technical skills in a variety of mediums including painting, drawing, printmaking, papermaking, and bookbinding which have all played a role in my personal journey of using art as a healing modality. Combining these technical skills with my experiential teaching methods background, I anticipate being able to create a safe and encouraging environment for youth to explore their own identities and deepen their sense of self through art.

I am eager to learn more about the ways in which my skills may be transferred and improved upon by joining the DIAL/SELF Americorps Program and I would love the opportunity to share about my additional experiences and qualifications during an interview. I will be in touch via email by February 20th to follow up about my application.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Warren Wilson