

Hallo Frau Notzke,

My name is Adam Major, and I happened to notice your ESL job posting on esemployment.com and would like to express my interest in the position. I'm a friendly eighteen year-old American student who enjoys working with people of all ages and backgrounds. My experience helping others includes: peer tutoring at college and helping Hmong refugees practice for the Naturalization Test.

The completion of my "generals credits" here in the states (64 credits encompassing various disciplines) is the extent of my formal education. This has enabled me to receive an Associates Degree in the Arts. My future educational goals are either to become an interpreter (German, English and/or Japanese) or an ESL/EFL teacher; this position would be a great opportunity to preview the ESL/EFL teaching experience.

My strongest point in English, I would say, is my knowledge of grammar combined with my native experience. Not only do I have eighteen years of native experience with English, but I also have the study experience necessary to communicate with foreigners about grammatical topics such as verb-noun agreement, clauses, phrases, tenses, passive and active voice, etc. in a clear and concise way. And as if that weren't enough, I have studied German enough to most likely be able to give the German parallel to the English construction, making it easier for the German native to understand the English construction.

My interest in the German language started about 5 years ago. My interest has spanned to the extent that, now, I like language in general. As a result of this interest, I have won a few awards relating to language. One of which I view with high esteem: a 1000 dollar scholarship from the German-American Chamber of Commerce for an essay that I wrote on the topic of "Deutsch—Warum?". Other non-German related awards include academic excellence in both high school and college and perfect attendance awards in high school. My GPA for my first two years of college is about 3.86 out of 4.0.

My interests include most outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, and canoeing, studying German and Japanese, playing chess, guitar and, especially, getting to meet different people who have different backgrounds and thus different perspectives of the world.

I'm truly thrilled to have the opportunity to help others while helping myself. I don't know how it could get any better for me right now as this may be my future career. I just hope that I'm as fitting for the position as the position is fitting to me. Thank you for your considerations on the matter.

Adam Major

P.S. I will attach the essay that won the scholarship and my résumé to this email along with a recent picture.