

Dear Sir,

Sending a motivation letter one day before the deadline can be interpreted as a lack of motivation, believe me it is not, and I will try to prove this throughout this letter.

First, I shall introduce myself; my name is Imene which means “faith” in Arabic, I am twenty four years old and a sixth year medical student.

I have always dreamt to be a Doctor; my parents thought the first time that it was just a child’s dream, but they realize very soon that I was serious about it. I worked very hard and to my delight I was accepted at the University of Medicine of Algiers, one of the best in Algeria, where there are several university hospitals, the best in the country, the largest of which is also the largest in Africa. So I am surrounded and learning from the best practitioners in the country.

I work very hard, I am not complaining though, because I spend the best moment in my life in learning, practicing and getting closer to patients. But let me tell you what I like to do beside my studies. I love charitable activities especially those in relation to children, I love children and this is probably why Pediatric is the specialty I am considering the most. I used to be a responsible of specialized center of mute and deaf children in a medical student association “Le Souk” where I was supposed to organize activities for them, get them out, it was a great experience where I learnt a lot in communication with children, and it was very challenging because of their condition. And even if I am in love with my studies I like to have experiences in different fields because I believe that it opens my mind to different perspectives, so I am interested in politics, I like to get to know what is happening in this world, I believe that every young person has to have an opinion about what is happening around us. I also started to work as a chess game tutor for children between 4 and 6 years old (yeah yeah I never miss the opportunity to work with kids) I am also fascinated by languages, I think it is a great way to bring people together, so I try to read as many books as I can (novels, biographies, history...) mostly in Arabic and French (the 2 official languages in the country) but also in English to improve my level, but not yet in German because I am starting learning it.

Many reasons pushed to apply for this summer school. First, obviously because we will talk about Pediatrics, then because a friend of mine talked to me about her great experience last year, I could only hope to have the chance to be accepted this year to live moments as intense as hers, but most important is because I want to try to work with an international team. Actually during the past 5 years I spend my summers in Algerian hospitals, laboratories, ER, Operating Rooms trying to acquire as many skills as possible, and this year is my last summer before I start my last year in general medicine. So I want it to be special and get a new experience in a new atmosphere, and I am sure that it will be rich in medical information but also in human warmth, I also believe that I will contribute a lot with my experience in clinic. I got the chance to pass my pediatric internship in a hospital of reference for endocrine infantile diseases where I was in constant contact with diabetic children, others with congenital hyperplasia of the adrenals and many with Turner syndrome. Algeria is known of being an endemic country for tuberculosis, so I saw a lot of patients with this disease in Pediatrics and Pneumology. Last but not least I am passionate about travelling and I want to get to know more about Netherlands culture, and believe me you will love the Algerian culture too, it is so diverse. I saw that a cook event will be organized and believe me, you will love Algerian dishes. Something I usually do when I meet foreign people is to write their name in Arabic, something very funny and new for them, participants will love this I am sure.

Yours sincerely,

