

1. What is your past Model UN experience?

While this will be my first Model UN conference, I have been participating in Model UN for the past three years. I have been to several summer programs that have offered courses in international politics, geography, and the United Nations, and am currently taking Model UN at my high school.

2. Why are you interested in joining this committee?

I think the growth and development of African nations is an often overlooked topic that is very important to the present and the future. The fact that much of Liberia's civil war was ended by a group of women pursuing peace is very inspiring to me. Liberia is currently under the onslaught of the Ebola virus, which has infected and killed thousands and has the potential to harm many more, and I wanted to go out of my comfort zone to explore this topic.

3. Do you have any prior knowledge about the topic? If so, please provide examples.

I have somewhat limited knowledge of the topic. I first became interested in the subject of Liberia when seeing the documentary *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*, and have been following the course of the out-of-control outbreak of ebola in the country.

4. What do you hope to get out of this committee?

As my first crisis committee, I hope to challenge myself by thinking on my feet and quickly adapting while making creative solutions to the many problems of Liberia. I'm excited to have a good time participating in this committee, while learning much more about how to do well in crisis committees.

5. What is your favorite word?

My favorite word is paradox because it describes something that should be impossible, but still manages to exist. Paradoxes may give you a headache, but I find them very hard to stop thinking about.