

## Officer Application for Tanvi Ghonasgi

Previous Leadership Experience: I have tutored students in their writing in high school, as well as volunteering extensively at a local hospital in my area. Also, I was the Vice President for the Future Physicians of America club at my high school, where I helped organize meetings and activities. In terms of informal leadership experience, I frequently take the lead in group projects and tend to be the one allocating tasks and ensuring that work gets finished on time. So, while other people may have more leadership experience than me, I believe that I am suited to be a board member because I am an outgoing and helpful person, and despite the lack of official leadership positions I have what it takes to really benefit the club.

General (reasons for being a good candidate): In general, I am very passionate, and I will spend as much time as necessary (even if it is above and beyond what is required) to ensure that I am contributing the most I can to AMSA. I will not slack off on the job or push my responsibilities as an officer off to the side in favor of other duties. Also, being on the board is very important to me because being a part of AMSA this year has really benefitted me in my journey in becoming a doctor, and I want to be able to impart this knowledge and help to others.

### 1) Position: Secretary

- a. Explain interest: I am interested in serving as the secretary for AMSA because I believe that documenting our meetings and other duties is vital to our club. Many times, our members bring up very intriguing topics and viewpoints during discussions, and I believe that recording those so that they don't become lost is an important task. Also, in general, I strongly believe that documentation is a vital task for a club if it wants to maintain efficiency and productivity.
- b. Explain strengths: I am very organized and am able to take comprehensive and readable notes (courtesy of fast-paced lectures and an array of colored pens). I also regularly attend each meeting, as I schedule free time into my schedule for Thursdays from 7-8pm, so there will be no conflicts in my attendance at meetings.
- c. Explain goals: My goals for this position are to first ensure that the basic duties for this position are fulfilled—as in taking notes during meetings, etc—and then to expand my role within the organization to better serve the club. As secretary, I believe that my task would extend beyond simple note-taking; another aspect of this position is to make sure that information is spread freely throughout the member base. For example, I have noticed that getting information from general meetings afterwards—if someone has not attended—is difficult unless the topic of the meeting was broad, such as research opportunities. So, I would work to either ask the committees that are presenting each week to give their powerpoints to the webmaster to post on the website, or I would get my notes from the general meeting up on the website so that they can be easily accessed by all the members.

2) Position: Culture of Medicine Committee Chair

- a. Explain interest: I am interested in serving as the Committee Chair for the Culture of Medicine Committee because I am very passionate about this topic. I have been a committee member for the past two semesters, and with each meeting and each presentation we give to the AMSA members, my interest in and passion for this topic expands. As pre-medical students, it is crucial for us to understand the environment and culture that we are entering, as well as the attitude of those we are serving about healthcare.
- b. Explain strengths: As a committee member for the past two semesters, I have had the opportunity to experience the range of activities that we regularly engage in as a committee. Also, while I have had the opportunity to immerse myself into the committee, I am also new enough to the committee to have many ideas for the expansion and betterment of the committee. Plus, as for the previous positions, I am organized and thorough in my work, and so I will be able to manage the responsibility of heading a committee with efficiency.
- c. Explain goals: As the chair for the Culture of Medicine Committee, I want to be able to explore many new topics and have more interaction with both the community and our members. As a current member of this committee, I feel that there are so many aspects to our topic that we never get the chance to share with the rest of AMSA because we are only allocated two general meetings in which to present. I realize that increasing the number of general meetings in which we present will not be feasible as all of our meetings are already filled with presentations either by other committees or general announcements, but I believe that we can still interact more with our members through the weekly emails and the newsletter. As a way of communicating with the members, we could add small tidbits of information into the emails and newsletters as either food for thought or fun facts people might not have known. This way, we can distribute more information about our topic over the course of the entire year. In terms of becoming more involved in the community, we currently only interact with it through our first-aid presentation that we give to local elementary schools. In order to expand our impact, I would spread out to local middle and high schools as well—this way not only would we increase the breadth of our impact, but we could also present on different topics within the culture of medicine to begin informing students about the intricacies of medicine from an earlier age.