

**1. Explain your interest in serving as this board position. If you are applying for multiple positions, briefly describe your interest in each.**

I am interested in serving as the Committee Chair for the Culture of Medicine Committee because I am very passionate about this topic. I was in the committee last year, and I have been a committee chair 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.

**2. Explain your strengths and how they will contribute to your performance as a board member. If you are applying for multiple positions, be specific about how your strengths support each position you are applying for.**

As a committee chair for the past two semesters, I have had the opportunity to experience the range of activities that we regularly engage in as a committee, and get a better view of what it means to be a chair. 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.

**3. Describe your experience in previous leadership roles.**

I have been a committee chair for AMSA for a year now, along with being an Alternative Breaks leader, a Peer Health Exchange Health Educator, and an officer of Global Brigades. Through Alternative Breaks I have taught a DECal for a semester, and planned and led 10 participants on a week-long service trip over Spring Break. I also believe that I am suited to be a board member because I am an outgoing and helpful person, and I have what it takes to really benefit the club.

**4. Describe the goals you have for this position, and how you plan to achieve them. If applying for multiple positions, go into detail about your goals for each position.**

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 the current chair 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.

