

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

I would also like to serve as REACH/GS committee chair. Being apart of this committee for the past year has been a great experience. I especially enjoyed the first committee meeting with the previous REACH/GS chair, Paul. His presentation brought meaning to our REACH/GS committee and has inspired me to pursue a better understanding of what it means to be a cultural minority. I am curious about how the medical field and health care treats minorities. But more importantly, I am inspired to learn of the ways we can do as aspiring medical students do to bridge the gap between those who are poorly treated due to race, gender, ethnicity, culture or sexuality and those who are considered "normal" under the eyes of health care professionals.

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.

I find that one of the key qualities of a committee member is creativity. Every week each committee produces engaging and informative activities. As REACH/GS chair, I believe my creativity, and my committee's creativity, will be instrumental in formulating such activities. I also believe my organization will help not only lead this committee but help develop and organize worthwhile activities.

3. Describe your experience in previous leadership roles.

In high school, I was the club secretary for my speech and debate team for three years. As secretary, I recorded minutes and took a summary of each general meeting, and of each debate rehearsal. My debate teacher believed that I was one of the better secretaries that the club ever had, compared to previous secretaries who continuously forgot to post minutes and skipped meetings.

I also played other roles in high school: treasurer of American Red Cross, a first chair cellist in string orchestra, and various positions of key club. Through these various positions, I learned what it means to be a leader: it is not only important to present yourself to motivate others, but also fulfilling your responsibilities.

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 your REACH/GS chair, I wish to educate the club about cultural awareness. There is a growing realization that doctors must be intelligent in their field and be socially aware of how they treat their patients. Patients aren't the same stereotypical droids, but they come from many backgrounds and identify themselves differently. Physicians must be adept at addressing and treating their patients. It is key to understand these differences and approach each patient as not a checklist of symptoms, but as a friend in need with a unique set of identifying factors. I hope to lead many club activities that will reflect these ideals, as well as continue with the activities that were presented last year by Andrew.

