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ATTN: Kerensa Mabwa
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Community Engagement Coordinator Mabwa,

I aim to become employed as the AmeriCorps Volunteer Coordinator at GRuB. I am applying on a referral from Nicole Peters at Nature Nurtures Farm.

I am qualified for this position because I have (i) administrative expertise in social services and (ii) enthusiasm for permaculture.

- (i) Upon graduation in 2016, I committed a year to the Texas Episcopal Service Corps. I work to support refugees with complex medical conditions at the YMCA International Services, a resettlement agency in Houston. I serve 40 clients monthly—arranging medical appointments, transportation and interpretation. I support 7 staff in 2 departments.
- (ii) Since my childhood, I have cultivated various gardens in Idaho. Last summer, I volunteered on Sonnwendhof Biofarm in Southern Germany. I learned to garden in a new climate, mow with a scythe, and divide labor between my peers. I am continually motivated by what Aldo Leopold calls a “land ethic,” a set of nested responsibilities to my ecosystem and community.

At the YMCA International Services, an employee is *strong*, if they successfully advocate for their client. *What makes an employee strong at GRuB?*

I could hypothesize: grit.

I want to put in hard work at GRuB to gain experience in permaculture. The experience moves me closer to my vocational calling: ecological design through applied mathematics.

I hope to begin a coorespondence.

Respectfully,

Colton Grainger

P.S. I am available via email, by phone after 3:00 P.M. PST, or by scheduled video-chat.

OBJECTIVE	To gain employment as the AmeriCorps Volunteer Coordinator at GRuB.	
SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative expertise from 1 year of service in refugee medical care. • Prior experience in sustainable gardening and community outreach. 	
EDUCATION	B.S. in Mathematics-Physics <i>The College of Idaho, Caldwell, ID</i>	May 2016
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Clerk — Refugee Medical Care <i>YMCA International Services, Houston, TX</i>	September 2016 – July 2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported 7 staff over 240 client cases (60 medical, 180 social adjustment). • Trained volunteers to accompany clients to medical appointments. • Created a resource network of safety-net service providers. 	
	Dishwasher & Server <i>The Griddle, Meridian, ID</i>	Summers 2012, 2013, Fall 2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kept clean a 600 ft² commercial kitchen. • Trained new staff for the front of house and kitchen. 	
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	Service Corps Fellow <i>Texas Episcopal Service Corps, Houston, TX</i>	August 2016 – July 2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed a year of service (1,800 hours) while living in community. • Participated in professional development and communication training. 	
	WWOOF Ranch-Hand <i>Sonnwendhof Biofarm, Möckmühl, Deutschland</i>	June 2016 – August 2016
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked on a cooperative ranch with German, Italian and Albanian youth. • Pastured two herds of sheep and maintained a sustainable garden. 	
	Lead Counselor — Gem Boys State <i>Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, ID</i>	June 2014 and 2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted a camp on state government with veterans of the American Legion. • Supervised 100 students and 12 junior counselors on a team of 4 staff. 	
JOB RELATED ABILITIES	Social Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict resolution • Volunteer coordination Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excel & SQL data management • HTML5/CSS web-hosting 	Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public speaking • Event planning Personal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPR & First Aid certified • Excellent health

REFERENCES

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