

In my life, I have been fortunate enough to benefit from the hard-work of others, such as my mother and two grandfathers. The opportunities garnered from those benefits have been many and unique. I have not lived a sheltered life and am well-aware of the educational inequality which exists in the American public school system. I want to work with Teach For America because the organization provides a robust infrastructure which I can utilize to redistribute the fruits of the many opportunities I've received in life. Teach For America is the perfect avenue for me to be a member of a school where upward mobility may be limited or the where the students (and especially gifted students) would not otherwise have access to teachers with broad world-views or advanced degrees.

As a member of the Teach For America corp, the gift I personally hope to give my students is providing each of them with the opportunity to have their own "AH HA!" moment in life. To have a moment where they think, "I can do anything," or "I want to dedicate my life to _____." The lasting effects of those moments in my life have had a profound and resonating impact on my hopeful, optimistic life outlook and goal setting. As a measure of my success in this endeavor, I would hope to leave students that set specific and attainable goals which lead them into community involvement and academic excellence in the form of scholarships or grants. Ultimately it would be great to have those same students achieve their dreams, and then return to the communities, via their physical or financial influence, and better those communities.