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Dear *YA Weekly* Team,

I am an English major and editing minor at BYU, and I feel that my writing and editing experience would allow me to be a valuable asset to the *YA Weekly* team. I love reading the inspiring *YA Weekly* stories because they address the real challenges young adults face. It would be an honor for me to be a part of the team that brings these stories to life.

I have always loved writing and proofreading papers, and in my writing and editing classes, I have honed these skills, gaining a greater understanding of organization, word choice, and grammar. As an editor for the BYU journal *Criterion*, I put these skills into action, editing papers for organization, grammar, and clarity to help writers present their best work. I love the moment when I take a first look at a rough draft and start hunting for ways to make the writing clearer and more powerful. This semester, I have the opportunity to be a lead copyeditor for *Criterion*, allowing me to select which papers we will accept for publication.

As a member of the *YA Weekly* team, I would be eager to interact with young adults from all around the world, helping them share their testimonies and experiences with a global audience. I look forward to meeting with you, and I hope that we will have the opportunity to work together.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Gretchen Picklesimer Kinney