

Statement of Purpose

Being a part of the English as Second Language program motivated me to teach and help other students to enhance their learning process and their ability to cope with a totally different culture. I moved to the United States when I was ten years old from Taiwan. The learning process and the cultural differences were the hardest parts to change; however, thanks to my ESL teachers, they helped me through the hardships of learning a new language and culture in just four years. Because of them, I am very motivated to help others like how my teachers helped me. Traveling, learning different languages and exploring cultures are also a few of my hobbies. My intrigue in Japanese culture also motivates me in applying for this position. I have always been interested in Japan because of its advanced technologies, unique way of living, great food, beautiful environment, and traditional cultures of Japanese families. This position can provide me with the opportunities to learn, experience, and help others at the same time.

I have obtained some relevant experiences that would assist me being apart of the JET program as an ALT. I have been a student in the English as Second Language program for about four years and went through the learning process as a student learning English. I have also been a volunteer ESL teacher assistant in assisting other students with basic fundamental English communications skills and academic subject areas where they were struggling in. Being a part of the ESL program as both a teacher and a student can help me in the JET program assisting students with their skills in the English language due to my personal

experience on both sides. Furthermore, after working in the food service industry for many years, I have developed excellent interpersonal skills. It is to my nature to communicate and get along with customers from different cultural backgrounds.

I hope to encourage the Japanese community to experience and travel to other countries as well as spread Japanese cultural knowledge to people of other nationalities. Traveling may sound very simple; however, the process of traveling is the most important part. You can learn a lot more than you think experiencing other cultures. I am also hoping to encourage more of the Japanese community to learn other languages such as English. With the world industry growing internationally and globally, learning new languages can only benefit the population for the future.

I am hoping to gain both personally and professionally from this experience.

Personally, I would like to gain some Japanese language skills throughout the process of teaching and communicating with the students. I am also hoping to learn more about the Japanese culture and truly understand it by being a part of it. Professionally, my skills in teaching will improve greatly. I regret not choosing teaching as my major in college, but through this opportunity, I can still gain the skills and attributes in teaching in a country I adore.

I believe I am a perfect candidate for the ALT position with the experiences I had through being both a student and an assistant teacher of ESL. Furthermore, I understand

both the Asian and American cultures, which can help me understand the Japanese culture and language better.