Service Immersion Program Abroad

Application Essay Instructions:

This short-term study abroad experience will expect you to communicate across cultures and to do physical labor over an extended period of time. Therefore, a level of cultural sensitivity and desire to stretch yourself in terms of openness are necessary. Please write a 300 to 500-word application essay discussing the reason(s) for your interest in this course/trip, and the reason(s) why you feel that you should be selected for participation in the course. Please address the following topics in your essay:

- Explain your interest in this trip, and the reason(s) why you feel that you should be selected for participation in this experience.

- Please describe situations in which you have participated in cross-cultural situations and adapted yourself to respect other cultures.

- Please discuss situations when you have had to work hard for extended periods of time.

- After a full workday, you will spend additional time learning and reflecting about your experience that day and to participate in daily discussions with other volunteers about values and customs. Please describe your energy level and openness to a reflective experience.