

## My Motivation Letter

This letter is written as a part of the application for EVS to briefly introduce myself and explain the reasons for the application to this program.

My name is Gokhan Yaman. I was born in Mersin, Turkey in 1987. I went to primary and secondary schools in Kazanlı, Mersin, Turkey. I finished Mersin Trade High School in 2006. Since then, I have been a student at Kahramanmaraş Sutcu-Imam University, College of Management, Kahramanmaraş, Turkey. I have only one brother who is also a student at university. My mother and father work in our land as farmers.



My college years ..

I had my internships in one of the biggest factories here in Mersin during the summers of 2006 and 2007. During my internship, I assisted the accounting department of the company for one month during each summer.



I made eight years as an amateur goalkeeper.....

During the last two summers, I volunteered in a local sea turtle protection project. *Caretta caretta* is an endangered sea turtle species where one of its few nesting habitats is in our local sand beach area, Kazanlı Beach in Mersin. I assisted biology students who researched the nesting habitats of this unique species. Early every morning and late in the afternoon of every day we counted the new born turtles hatched from the nest. I also participated in the awareness rising of this species for its protection in our community. Since then the population size of this species steadily increased and its protection sustained. I also introduced our town to the people who were interested in *Caretta caretta* in our town. All of this activities helped me to have a good self confidence and develop self-esteem.





Tarsus office assistant professor in the woods along with my uncle and other engineers have planting and contributing to the project...

I have been playing soccer in a local team as a goal keeper for the weekends in the last several years. Therefore, I am very fit and can contribute to the physical education of the youth. Moreover, I go swimming during my spare time besides reading, helping relatives and neighbors with their work and socialising with my friends.

I have an easy going personality and can get along with others easily. I am a team player who can enjoy working with different people. I believe that believing is half of achieving, therefore, when I would like to do something when I believe to do it I put enormous effort to achieve it. I never lose hope.



I help my family time whether schools in fields other than pepper I picked.....

I would like to participate into European Volunteering Program because I would like to contribute to the societies abroad, introduce my culture and, the most important, to learn their way of life, their culture and social life. I would like to learn their environmental values for the protection of the environment. I would also like to meet new people and make new friends. I, moreover, will improve my language skills especially speaking ability. I will also introduce the endangered species *Caretta caretta* to people abroad and the importance of protection of this species.

I can contribute to your community with my physical education abilities, maintenance of places such as painting and cleaning and also cooking traditional local food. I can also contribute with my social skills in helping my friends as well.

Finally, this program will help me to improve myself and become a better person for my community and my country. After returning back from abroad I will teach the people around me for better social and environmental values.





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