

APPLICATION FORM FOR GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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NEIU ID No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate emphasis: \_\_\_\_\_ Literature \_\_\_\_\_ Composition

Status in M.A. Program:

/ / I have been admitted to an M.A. program and am currently taking courses in that program.

/ / I have been admitted but have not begun course work.

/ / My admission is pending.

/ / Conditional admission had been granted.

/ / Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

The semester you expect to graduate: Fall Spring Summer of 20\_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Education:

School \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Minor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. COURSEWORK

Describe any courses that you have taken which you believe would be helpful in your work as a teaching assistant. You may include courses in linguistics, English, speech, foreign languages, education, or any other subject that you believe would be relevant.

## 2. LANGUAGE BACKGROUND

Briefly describe your knowledge of any language(s) other than English. Indicate the extent of your ability in reading, writing, speaking, and understanding the language. If you have lived in an environment in which you have spoken another language, please describe that experience.

## 3. WRITING BACKGROUND

Briefly describe any experience that you have had as a writer; e.g., high school newspaper, college yearbook.

#### 4. CLASSROOM TEACHING

Briefly describe any teaching experience you have had. Include the following information: name and location of school, courses taught, age of students, language background of students, previous education of students (only for adults), length of time you held the position.

#### 5. TUTORIAL OR INFORMAL TEACHING

Briefly describe any tutorial or informal teaching (leading a group, camp counseling) experience that you have had. Include information about the age, etc. of the individuals you were working with.

#### 6. REFERENCES

Please request two persons familiar with your academic work and/or teaching experience to write a letter of reference to the address given at the top of page 1.

Names, addresses, and phone numbers of persons writing references:

1.

2.

## 7. ESSAY

In the space below (or as an attachment), write an essay of 500-700 words in which you answer one of the following questions:

1. Do you think that your elementary and secondary school education prepared you for the level of reading and writing skills you needed in order to succeed as a university student? If the answer is yes, describe what was good about your elementary and secondary education. If the answer is no, describe what was bad about your elementary and secondary education.

2. Many people have argued that there is a literary crisis in the U.S. public education. Do you believe that there is such a crisis? If so, how do you feel the public schools could improve? If not, why do you think people are arguing that there is such a crisis?