

# Alicia Poppett



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My name is Alicia Poppett. I recently turned 22 years old, and I am searching for my place in our world. I want to do what I can to combat racism, advocate for those who are marginalized and don't otherwise have a voice, and learn from others around me. I recently graduated from Eastern Mennonite University and, while I was there, my academic concentrations focused on education, Spanish, and Honors. However, my college career went far and beyond the academic side where I led a divestment campaign, learned and actively protested systematic inequalities our country and the broader world is facing, and learned to be citizen of this world who fully recognizes her power in society and wants to use it for the benefit of others. For this reason, I decided to not immediately go into the traditional workforce and get a job, simply to get money to get stuff and to become comfortable where I am. Instead I chose to do a year focused on simple living, learning from the communities I'll be living in, and intentionally making myself uncomfortable by moving somewhere I know zero people initially. I will be moving to Denver, Colorado, after spending the past four years in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and before having grown up in my home state of Minnesota.

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