

# Clare Forrister

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My name is Clare Forrister and I am 21 years old. I'm grateful I get to seek God's love and justice through service as a YAV this year. I am halfway through my junior year at Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina, and after this pause from my studies I'll return to my double major in economics and women's, gender and sexuality studies. I see in the Washington, D.C., YAV program a chance to grow and serve, while exploring a future in organizing and advocacy. I chose D.C. because I think it will help me serve with a mind for solidarity and humility while fighting for equality in our nation's capital.

I grew up in Montgomery, Alabama, and will always be committed to making my home, the South, a better place. I love hiking, live music,

self-discovery and the sound of cicadas. Among other things, working with children is where I've found my joy in service, as is writing, and I've spent formative time both as a camp counselor and as a writer/editor for my campus newspaper. I believe few things are as delicious as a waffle topped with ice cream. I can't wait to see what this year will bring.