

Host an International

Exchange Student

You could bring a student like one of these into your home!



Meet Melissa

from Switzerland

Gender: Female

Age (at arrival): 15 years

Program length: Year

Melissa is independent, happy, sociable, adventurous, and reliable. She has many interests and loves to try new things. When it comes to pursuing her goals she is very determined. She makes friends easily and gets along well with everyone. Her family is very close; she looks up to her older sister and enjoys spending time with her mother going shopping or to the cinema. In her spare time Melissa enjoys playing the piano, cooking, and playing volleyball. Most of all she loves traveling and exploring new places. During her year abroad she hopes to make lots of friends and improve her English.

Service Ref : 14-08338



Meet Zoe

from Switzerland

Gender: Female

Age (at arrival): 16 years

Program length: Year

Zoe is very open, outgoing, and cheerful. She is always in a good mood, loves to laugh, and really enjoys meeting new people. Her family is very close; she loves to hang out with her older sister and always talks to her parents about her life. Her parents give her a lot of independence and she is very responsible. Playing sports is really important to Zoe; her main passion is playing handball but she also loves to go snowboarding. In her spare time she enjoys playing percussion, reading, and watching TV. During her year abroad she hopes to improve her English and make lots of friends.

Service Ref : 14-01988



Meet Mathilde

from Switzerland

Gender: Female

Age (at arrival): 15 years

Program length: Year

Mathilde's family describes her as easygoing and spontaneous. She is respectful, responsible, and loves to spend time with children. She comes from a big family and really enjoys visiting with her cousins during the holidays. In her spare time Mathilde likes playing tennis, skiing, swimming, taking photographs, acting, watching TV, and hanging out with her friends. During the summer she likes to go boating and water skiing with her family. In the future Mathilde hopes to go to medical school and someday become a surgeon. Mathilde has always wanted to study abroad in the United States!

Service Ref : 14-01717



Meet Adina

from Switzerland

Gender: Female

Age (at arrival): 17

Program length: Year

Adina is a generous, open-minded, sensitive and funny young woman who's quiet at first but also very sociable and adaptable if you give her time. She's passionate about music and says she can't live without it. She listens to music all the time, regardless of her mood, and she really enjoys hip hop dancing. In her spare time on the weekends she likes to go out with friends. They go to the cinema, go shopping or just walk together. Adina enjoys creating things, expressing herself through art, and working or playing with kids. In the future she wants to make a career in education or the arts.

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Meet Nynke from Netherlands

Gender: Female

Age (at arrival): 18 years

Program length: Year

Nynke is a bubbly and confident young woman who loves to travel. Due to her love of traveling, she would like to become a flight attendant; but she also loves kids so she might be a teacher. She is interested in learning about different cultures, religion and languages. She is great at planning events, and she is known for her being neat and organized. When she has some free time, she loves to spend time with her family and friends, go swimming or play basketball, go out shopping and attend concerts. She is excited to come and share her culture, at the same time learn about the American life.

Service Ref : 12-00438



Meet Simone from Italy

Gender: Male

Age (at arrival): 16 years

Program length: Year

Simone is kind, talkative and a bit reserved when he meets new people. He stays active and crams every day of the week with activities. Simone has been playing basketball for 4 years and does Muay Thai at the gym 3 times a week. With friends he likes to play video games, card games (Magic: The Gathering), swim, bike, cook, shop, and see movies. Simone reads tons of books and has shelves full of them, he is very proud of his collection. Every summer he goes with his parents to the coast where he sails and dives as part of a team. After high school he might study science, teaching, or even law!

Service Ref : 14-15100



Meet Stefano from Italy

Gender: Male

Age (at arrival): 16 years

Program length: Year

Stefano's friends and family describe him as sociable, friendly, sensible, understanding, gentle, and respectful. He is very determined when it comes to pursuing his goals and he likes to meet new people. Stefano also adjusts quickly to new situations. His gets along well with his family; he always talks to his parents when he needs advice and he often takes care of his little sister. Stefano's main passion is music; he plays the guitar and the piano in several bands. In his spare time he also enjoys playing video games, listening to music, skiing, swimming, playing basketball, and volleyball.

Service Ref : 14-12234



Meet Dhani from Indonesia

Gender: Male

Age (at arrival): 16

Program length: Year

Dhani is typically a quiet boy who is lighthearted and playful once he gets to know you. He is also very disciplined as he never slacks in school and has ambitious plans for his future professional life. His favorite subjects are economics and math and he hopes to go to college for accounting in the USA so he can learn the skills necessary to start his own business and better his country. He is close to his family and goes on trips with them during the holidays. During the week Dhani studies, but on the weekend he takes every chance to go with his friends to play soccer, badminton and swim.

Service Ref : 14-01309

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Meet Georg from Germany

Gender: Male

Age (at arrival): 16 years

Program length: Year

Georg is an extremely warm and outgoing young man with a passion for sports and music. Georg has wanted to study as a part of an exchange for as long as he can remember, and he's very excited that he's finally getting to realize his dream. Georg's week is very busy with keeping up with his studies as well as helping out on his uncle's farm, but he doesn't mind as he says that the work can be really interesting. In his spare time, Georg loves anything having to do with sports. He particularly enjoys playing soccer and watching football. He also loves learning how to play songs on the piano.

Service Ref : 1860201



Meet Johanna from Germany

Gender: Female

Age (at arrival): 16 years

Program length: Year

Johanna is open-minded, curious, and funny. She knows how to make friends easily wherever she goes. She is fond of learning different languages. Besides German, she has been learning English, French, and most recently, Spanish. She also loves geography. At school, she is a member of the school orchestra and of the student's council. When not in school, Johanna loves traveling with her family, especially exploring the outdoors, bicycling, and hiking. Moreover, she enjoys playing the piano and the trombone, and she also likes dancing. She likes baking cookies and cakes with her friends, too.

Service Ref : 1846178



Meet Pierre from France

Gender: Male

Age (at arrival): 17 years

Program length: Year

Pierre is very musical, sporty, sociable, friendly, open, and funny. He has a great relationship with his family. He really looks up to his older brothers. He gets along well with his parents as well and always appreciates their advice and support. Pierre's main passions are music and sports. He loves to play the guitar, sing, and act; and he enjoys all sports, especially soccer, tennis, skiing, and bicycling. In his spare time, he reads and hangs out with his friends. During his time abroad Pierre is looking forward to learning about different cultures and meeting new people.

Service Ref : 13-01491



Meet Ruizhi from China

Gender: Male

Age (at arrival): 16

Program length: Year

Ruizhi's family and friends would describe him as smart, helpful and outgoing. He loves sports, mainly basketball and table tennis/ping pong. His favorite sport is basketball because Kobe Bryant is his idol and he likes to play it with friends after school. He also enjoys reading and his favorite books at the moment are "A Tale of Two Cities" and "Sherlock Homes." At home, Ruizhi gladly helps his hard-working parents by doing his part in completing chores around the house. He is glad that he has been given this opportunity and is very excited to join his host family in the US.

Service Ref : 15-00149

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Meet Jonas

from Brazil

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Jonas is a responsible, idealistic and supportive young man. He's always been good at sports and particularly enjoys soccer and judo. He's usually the keeper in soccer, and gets really excited about training and competing in judo. He also enjoys volleyball, chess, reading and playing his guitar. Sometimes he goes to the movies or the theater. Jonas is part of a youth study group at his church and had an internship in a public office last year. In the future he wants to study construction or economics.

Service Ref: 14-06388



Meet Zeyu

from China

Gender: Male

Age (at arrival): 17 years

Program length: Year

Zeyu is a very mature and studious kid that lives his life by popular proverbs and quotes. His main interest is school and he considers himself a jack-of-all-trades. He enjoys playing and watching soccer and even organizes soccer games once or twice a week at school. His favorite team is Manchester United. In his free time, Zeyu enjoys sailing and fishing, and in fact, his favorite food is Eel. Unfortunately, according to Zeyu's research, which is another hobby of his, fish are decreasing at an abundance, so he decided to cut back. He is excited to study in a U.S. high school.

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