



Markus

From Germany

Student #: 2017-149-003-0367



YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING
Intercultural Exchange Programs

AGE/GENDER 16 year old/Male

SCHOOL 10 of 13 ELTiS score : 251

FAMILY

Father is a electrician Mother is a housewife

LANGUAGE English - 7 years, Russian - 12 years, French - 3 years

ACADEMIC INTERESTS Biology, Chemistry

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS Computer Games, Movies, Outdoor Act.

CAREER INTEREST Medicine

MUSIC INTEREST Music-Listen

GRADES Grades - Excellent

SPORTS INTERESTS Tennis, Badminton

RELIGIOUS ATTENDANCE IN US with host family - As often as HF

During his exchange year, he writes, "I'm completely open to anything you might be doing, whether it's a religion, sport or anything else." Enjoying racket sports the most, Markus also enjoys sports that he can do with his friends including basketball and hockey. Markus lives with his parents in a large village. Markus' favorite subjects are biology and chemistry and he would like to be a biology lab tech or a pharmacy tech. Markus is intrigued with how American schools have sports teams and activities after school and he looks forward to being involved. "This makes American schools more appealing to me," writes Markus. "In an exchange year I could have a lot of experiences and see USA from a completely different view, seeing and participating in your everyday life and learning about your manners and traditions."

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Maxime

From France

Student #: 2017-146-003-0012



YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING
Intercultural Exchange Programs

AGE/GENDER 16 year old/Male

SCHOOL 10 of 12 ELTiS score : 220

FAMILY 1 sisters

Father is a CEO Mother is a Chief Digital Officer

LANGUAGE English - 6 years, Spanish - 3 years

ACADEMIC INTERESTS Science

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS Watching Sports, Computer Games, Movies, Reading

CAREER INTEREST Engineering

MUSIC INTEREST

GRADES Grades - Very Good

SPORTS INTERESTS FieldHockey/Floorball - Main, Tennis, Running/Jogging

RELIGIOUS ATTENDANCE IN US with host family - Occasionally

"I'm a very sociable person who likes a good joke!", says Max, who can also be serious about studying space engineering. "I like spending time with my friends. With them, we play video games and do sport like basketball, badminton and field hockey." He's been playing field hockey for 8 years and it's his favorite sport. With all this, it shouldn't be a surprise that his favorite school subjects are "sport, math and science." He likes the USA because we are a "country for new technologies" and beautiful landscapes. After a trip to National Parks and LA, Max discovered he really liked American food and is looking forward trying sports like football and baseball. Both of which he likes to watch on TV. Eager to get started, Max writes, "I look forward to coming to the USA and discovering your way of life."

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Victor

From Denmark

Student #: 2017-137-003-0038



YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING
Intercultural Exchange Programs

AGE/GENDER 16 year old/Male

SCHOOL 9 of 12 ELTiS score : 220

FAMILY 1 sisters

Father is a CEO Mother is a Consultant

LANGUAGE English - 6 years, French - 2 years

ACADEMIC INTERESTS Political Sci., Design

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS Web Design, Film Making, Surfing, Computer Games

CAREER INTEREST Graphic Design

MUSIC INTEREST Music-Listen

GRADES Grades - Good

SPORTS INTERESTS Gym Workout, Skiing-Downhill, Water Sports

RELIGIOUS ATTENDANCE IN US with host family - Occasionally

Victor describes himself as an honest and happy person who loves sports and being active. He enjoys spending his free time with his friends at the local skateboarding park, playing computer games, or simply watching movies and shows on Netflix. Besides skateboarding, he also likes to surf and ski. Another favorite activity for Victor is editing videos and graphic design - he has even made a few logos for a local company! Describing his family life as "normal," Victor enjoys spending time with his parents, little sister, and the family pets; a cat, dog and a horse. For his exchange year Victor looks forward to experiencing the cultural diversity of the US.

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Paula

From Germany

Student #: 2017-149-003-0088



YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING
Intercultural Exchange Programs

AGE/GENDER 16 year old/Female

SCHOOL 10 of 12 ELTiS score : 230

FAMILY 1 brothers

Father is a Retired Mother is a Project Manager

LANGUAGE English - 10 years, Spanish - 4 years

ACADEMIC INTERESTS Biology, History

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS Watching Sports, Theatre Arts,
Paint/Draw, Cooking/Baking

CAREER INTEREST

MUSIC INTEREST Music-Listen

GRADES Grades - Good

SPORTS INTERESTS Basketball, Swimming

RELIGIOUS ATTENDANCE IN US with host family - Weekly

"I am a very active and hard working student," writes Paula. "When I am interested in something, I want to try learn as much as I can." This curious and open-minded attitude makes it easy for Paula to be able to start a conversation with anyone! Paula stays active through her basketball team which she appreciates for the challenge and teamwork required. Other interests include supporting environmental projects, watching movies, swimming at a nearby lake, shopping or drawing. With her family, Sundays usually involve going to church or hiking. They like to travel but can only do that during holidays. She shares that her family is very relaxed but respectful of each other. Eager to join an American family, Paula writes, "I think there are only a few ways to get so many experiences, meet new people, find new friends and learn so much about the American culture and history. I would have the unique opportunity to join your family and the "American way of life."

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Yagmur

From Turkey

Student #: 2017-240-003-0004



YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING
Intercultural Exchange Programs

AGE/GENDER 15 year old/Female

SCHOOL 10 of 12 ELTiS score : 238

FAMILY

Father is a Project manager Mother is a Education coordinator

LANGUAGE English - 10 years, French - 2 years, German - 3 years

ACADEMIC INTERESTS Chemistry, Languages

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS Watching Sports, Theatre Arts, Paint/Draw, Photography

CAREER INTEREST

MUSIC INTEREST Piano, Percussion, Music-Listen

GRADES Grades - Very Good

SPORTS INTERESTS Swimming, Running/Jogging

RELIGIOUS ATTENDANCE IN US with host family - Occasionally

Opening her heart in trust to you, her host family, Yagmur (15) from Turkey will grace your dining table with her cheerful and energetic personality. At school, she'd love to join your theater program since she hopes to appear on stage one day in a theatrical production self-written and self-directed. A talented young lady, she also plays the piano and drums. Family oriented, Yagmur appreciates her parents support as well as walks with her father. Together she and her friends shop, attend the cinema or share fun at a sleepover. At school, Yagmur demonstrates her leadership skills as a student member of the Model United Nations Community. Enjoying new challenges, Yagmur dreams of owning a perfume shop selling her own special edition scents in the future. She thanks her future host family for accepting her into their family. Will you help pull the curtains up and light the lights for the debut of Yagmur's exchange adventure?

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Pawin

From Thailand

Student #: 2017-235-003-0050



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Intercultural Exchange Programs

AGE/GENDER 15 year old/Male

SCHOOL 9 of 12 ELTiS score : 220

FAMILY 1 sisters

Father is a Businessman Mother is a Businesswoman

LANGUAGE English - 9 years

ACADEMIC INTERESTS Science

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS Paint/Draw, Photography,
Computer Games, Cooking/Baking

CAREER INTEREST Medicine

MUSIC INTEREST Music-Listen

GRADES Grades - Very Good

SPORTS INTERESTS Basketball, Bicycling, Soccer, Swimming

RELIGIOUS ATTENDANCE IN US with host family - Occasionally

Pawin, who likes to be call Wim is hoping to gain many American experiences from you and your family. Wim loves to be active and is involved in soccer, basketball, swimming and bowling. He also enjoys volunteering, and as part of the Red Cross, helped to pack supplies for flood victims. Along with his love of animals, Wim enjoys photography, Science-fiction movies with his dad and comics. Family is important to Wim and they enjoy cooking and sharing meals together, watching movies and traveling during the holidays. He may be a bit shy at first, but Wim is eager to learn about American culture and share is Thai culture with you (hes even offered to be your tour guide there someday). This curious, polite and self-motivated young man has always wanted a dog of his own, but has never had a furry family friend. Perhaps this is the year when all of his dreams come true!

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Eskil

From Denmark

Student #: 2017-137-003-0040



YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING
Intercultural Exchange Programs

AGE/GENDER 15 year old/Male

SCHOOL 10 of 13 ELTiS score : 265

FAMILY 1 brothers

Father is a Partner, Software development company Mother is a Head of corporate secretariat and communication

LANGUAGE German - 4 years, English - 6 years

ACADEMIC INTERESTS Science, English Lang

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS Sailing/Boating, Computer Games, Cooking/Baking, Movies

CAREER INTEREST Medicine

MUSIC INTEREST Piano - Main, Music-Listen - Main

GRADES Grades - Very Good

SPORTS INTERESTS Running-XC, Soccer, Swimming, Water Sports

RELIGIOUS ATTENDANCE IN US with host family - As often as HF

Eskil describes himself as happy, excited, and curious, an assessment which is validated by the YFU interviewer and his teachers who also observe he is also positive, friendly, and social. His philosophical view of life, his outgoing personality, and sense of humor permeate his application. Eskil is sporty, but also describes himself "quite a geek sometimes." He has participated in many sports over time (soccer, squash, sailing, long distant running), with a current focus on water polo. He wants to participate in sports, like running, because of health benefits and positive feelings related to being a member of a team. While in the USA he hopes to try new sports. Other interests include movies, computer games, outdoor activities and playing piano. Additional goals for the exchange experience include learning the perspectives of others, meeting new people, and having a good time. Eskil will celebrate his 16th birthday shortly after he arrives in the USA. May consider private school tuition - T8.

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Andra

From Estonia

Student #: 2017-265-003-0003



YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING
Intercultural Exchange Programs

AGE/GENDER 15 year old/Female

SCHOOL 9 of 12 ELTiS score : 215

FAMILY 1 brothers

Father is a Employee Mother is a Employee

LANGUAGE English - 9 years, Russian - 4 years

ACADEMIC INTERESTS English Lang

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS Watching Sports, Dance-Jazz/Mod
- Main, Theatre Arts - Main, Photography

CAREER INTEREST Sports Medicine/Health

MUSIC INTEREST Music-Listen - Main

GRADES Grades - Good

SPORTS INTERESTS Snowboarding

RELIGIOUS ATTENDANCE IN US with host family - As often as
HF

Andra is an active young lady whose love for dance started a long time ago with her interest in gymnastics. She participates in various dance activities, but enjoying contemporary best. She hopes to try new sports in the USA, like cheerleading or surfing. Andra long term plans are to becoming a trainer or work in physical therapy. Friends and family are very important to her and she enjoys cozy indoor activities with her mom, and likes to travel and visit new places with her dad. Andra said, "I also really like animals, especially dogs, they are the best buddies you can ever have." Andra teachers described her as smart, motivated, responsive, able to find compromise and listens to others opinions without influencing.

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Parinda

From Thailand

Student #: 2017-235-003-0020



YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING
Intercultural Exchange Programs

AGE/GENDER 15 year old/Female

SCHOOL 9 of 12 ELTiS score : 227

FAMILY 1 brothers

Father is a Government employee Mother is a Public Accountant

LANGUAGE English - 9 years, Chinese - 5 years

ACADEMIC INTERESTS Art, P.E./Sports

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS Photography, Movies, School Act., Volunteering

CAREER INTEREST Business

MUSIC INTEREST Music-Listen, Guitar

GRADES Grades - Excellent

SPORTS INTERESTS Badminton

RELIGIOUS ATTENDANCE IN US with host family - Occasionally

"Thank you very much for accepting me into your home!" From Thailand, Parinda, or "Pin" as she goes by, is so excited to meet you. Adventurous and outgoing, she's looking forward to being integrated into your family and learn more about the US. Pin wants to also share her Thai culture with you and spend a wonderful year together. Keen to learn something new, Pin would like to try ice skating or rollerblading. In her local high school, Pin is hard working and has achieved excellent grades. She loves PE and art. Pin is quite involved at school where she's part of the Badminton and the Environment Rehabilitation Group. This group builds dams to protect her area from flooding. Friendly and kind Pin likes listening to music and has recently started learning the guitar. She enjoys taking pictures and hangs out with her friends at the mall. Her parents, her older brother, and Pin often spend time together and travel in the summer time to the northern parts of Thailand or abroad. Will you become Pin's American family?

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Kaan

From Germany

Student #: 2017-149-003-0297



YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING
Intercultural Exchange Programs

AGE/GENDER 16 year old/Male

SCHOOL 10 of 12 ELTiS score : 233

FAMILY

Father is a Self-employed, sporting goods shop Mother is a Teacher

LANGUAGE English - 8 years, Russian - 2 years, Spanish - 4 years, Turkish - 3 years

ACADEMIC INTERESTS Computers, Economics, P.E./Sports

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS Watching Sports, Computer Games, Computers, Cooking/Baking

CAREER INTEREST

MUSIC INTEREST Piano, Cello

GRADES Grades - Good

SPORTS INTERESTS Basketball, Skiing-Downhill, Volleyball, Football-U.S. - Main

RELIGIOUS ATTENDANCE IN US with host family - Weekly

Multilingual Kaan comes from Germany where he's been learning not only English but also Russian, Spanish and Turkish. He likes to play board games, video games, belongs to a chess club, plays on an American football team and hopes to play sports while on exchange. He enjoys conversation and to debate different subjects. His favorite studies in school and also his hobbies are programming, digital technology, and business economics. Though undecided on a career path, Kaan is considering becoming a dentist, programmer, broker, or a politician. Kaan's family likes to travel, and goes to ski in winter, and to swim in summer or to visit other family members. Kaan's long time friend says, "He is a team player and he is ready to compromise. He knows a lot of jokes and is very funny." Kaan thanks you for giving him this exciting opportunity and looks forward to living the American lifestyle.

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Laura

From Germany

Student #: 2017-149-003-0011



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AGE/GENDER 15 year old/Female

SCHOOL 9 of 12 ELTiS score : 215

FAMILY

Father is a wages clerk

LANGUAGE English - 7 years, French - 4 years, Latin - 2 years

ACADEMIC INTERESTS English Lang

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS Watching Sports, Cooking/Baking, Hike/Backpack, Movies

CAREER INTEREST Not Stated

MUSIC INTEREST Piano, Music-Listen

GRADES Grades - Good

SPORTS INTERESTS Ice Skating, Skiing-Downhill, Swimming

RELIGIOUS ATTENDANCE IN US Own and HF - As often as HF

Laura is friendly, self-reliant, and always tries to be there to support family and friends. She enjoys listening to music and has played the piano for several years. Some of Laura's hobbies include swimming, ice skating, skiing, baking, reading, and watching both movies and sporting events on television. Time with family and friends is important to Laura. She spends time with her mother cooking and shopping, and goes skiing with her grandparents. Laura needs a host family without large dogs due to a childhood trauma, but small dogs are okay! Laura writes that she would like to be a part of a choir or on a cheer leading squad if possible while on exchange. Laura's teachers write that Laura is upbeat and always includes new class members without hesitation. "I am looking to jump in the American culture and to see and live all the traditions (like Thanksgiving, Christmas...) But as much as I'd like to live your lifestyle, I'd also like to show you something from my culture. I'm open to everything new and I really love adventures and challenges of any kind. I think we'll have lots of fun together and I'm looking forward to meet you."

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