

Dear host family,

Jeg hedder Hannah. Jeg er 15 år gammel og kommer fra Tyskland.

Jeg er meget glad for at få chancen for at bo i Danmark og lære jer og jeres kultur at kende. Jeg har altid drømt om at komme på udveksling, og nu bliver det endelig virkelighed. Jeg er glad for at kunne skrive til jer.

The first day I visited my current school and saw that they offered an exchange year program. I just knew that I had to try to become an exchange student. I told my parents that one day I would be just like all the teens in the movies living my dream.

Well, here I am.

I'm quite the stubborn person if it has anything to do with my future, whether its school or my dreams, I will try my hardest to achieve my goals.

Enough about my dreams – I don't think you are reading this to learn something about my dreams but about me.

I live with my parents, my two younger brothers and my dog on the countryside of Germany. I actually love animals, well except spiders sometimes. I take care of my dog , but I'm not allowed to walk him alone cause he's a little bit too strong for me and sometimes even freaks out if he sees a little snail. He's a chicken! I actually also have a vegetarian lifestyle currently but I don't think that would be a problem because I would change that if it is easier for you. I don't want to force anyone to adapt to me but become part of your life I'm a pretty good student, love sports and to hang out with my friends. I'm quite a fast learner so I hope to learn Danish as good as possible before hopefully traveling there. I play Handball in a club and really love it. I hope I'm able to continue playing in Denmark because I really love my sport. I play since I'm about six and switched clubs like 2 years ago, which was one of my best decisions of my life. My new team became one of the most important parts in my life. I love meeting them, going on cute little sushi / ice cream "dates" together and participating in tournaments together. Team sport really improved my social skills. I have to admit that I am quite shy at first but I have really gotten more extroverted since I joined my new team. That's what I love about playing in a team, whether we win or lose we always try our best, we try to cheer up each other anyways, trying to include everyone. It's like a big family and I love it, I notice how I open up more and more, trying to let things just happen and don't think what everyone thinks about me.

But not only my team is important to me. Although all my teammates count as friends, I also have friends outside of sports. I see them almost everyday. I love to go on evening walks, bike tours or just lie in bed with them. Of course we also like to explore our environment! Explore the forest near us or just take the train to the next city to explore it (go

shopping but psst). I love having sleepovers with my friends, giggling all night, watching movies and eating snacks- that's probably one of my favorite part of being a teenager, being able to spend my still relaxed life with the people I love the most. And who can obviously not miss on this list? My family of course! My family is so important to me, my parents taught me everything that makes me out like my humour, my love for sport and obviously my music taste, my brothers may be annoying sometimes but I'll always love them. I love spending time with my family even if it's just watching a movie together, talking a walk, playing volleyball with my brothers or just enjoying each others presence. I'm also very glad that my grandparents live just next door, I sometimes visit them to just watch my grandmas favorite drama series and gossip with her over the character. It's always so much fun! They are very loving people. I really love my little chaotic family.

After looking into a few countries I stumbled about Denmark, I never considered it because it's a neighbour country, but my mom encouraged me to read about every country. Just like that I was basically charmed by Denmark. I never expected it to be such a cool destination to spend an exchange year.

I always wanted my exchange year to be something useful for me, to help me get a better look into different cultures and systems. I've always been interested and opened for different cultures but never got the chance to really look into them first hand. Denmark with their architecture, open minded people and lifestyle just stuck out to me and in the end I just had this feeling that this would be the right country for me. I always dreamed of leaving Germany to learn somewhere else, just to be able to experience a different educational system, get to know a new lifestyle so I can develop my personality further.

It sounds really exciting to stay one year in a different country! Of course I will need time to adjust but luckily I am super quick at adjusting to new things. I am really excited to become part of your family. I'm a funny person when I open up and get to know you, although I use a lot of sarcasm. I always try my best to talk about any problems that occur because I think that communication is key and not listening to each other is the worst reason for problems.

Jeg er virkelig taknemmelig for, at I overvejer at byde mig velkommen i jeres familie!
Tusind tak, fordi I har taget jer tid til at læse mit brev. Jeg håber, I får en rigtig god dag og nyder tiden som værtsfamilie – det må være en spændende og givende oplevelse!

Jeg håber meget at høre fra jer snart.

De bedste hilsner,

Hanna