

Dear Future Host Family,

My name is Ida. I am very excited about the opportunity to live with you and experience everyday life in Denmark for a while. With this letter, I would like to introduce myself a little more, so you can get to know me before I arrive.

I'm in the 9th grade at a high school here in Switzerland. I have many interests: music is especially important to me; I play both the piano and the organ. I enjoy the calm moments when I can immerse myself in music, as well as the challenge of learning something new and practicing more difficult pieces.

Sports are also a big part of my life. I do artistic gymnastics and horseback riding regularly. Both bring me a lot of joy. I like being active, and I appreciate the discipline and focus these sports require. In winter, I love skiing, especially with my friends in the mountains. We always have a lot of fun and enjoy nature. In summer, I often swim in the river near our home. The water can be quite cold, but it's refreshing and one of my favourite summer traditions.

I enjoy spending time with my friends, but family is also very important to me. We often do things together, especially when we travel during school holidays. My mother is an architect, and my father is an economist. Travelling has always played a big role in our family. We almost always go abroad during vacation, and I've grown up learning about other languages and cultures. That's probably one of the reasons why I wanted to do an exchange year myself.

I have one older sister who is three years older than me. She finished school this year and spent a year in the USA as an exchange student. Her stories and experiences really inspired me. I saw how much she grew during that time and how many new perspectives she gained. That made me even more curious and motivated to go on my own adventure.

I've been interested in Denmark for a long time. I've visited the country several times already, mostly on the island of Bornholm with my family. I have great memories of the beautiful Baltic Sea, the beaches, the friendly people and the delicious food. For the past few months, I've been learning Danish with a language learning app (Duolingo 😊). I already understand a little bit and I'm really looking forward to improving it in real

conversations. I know I still have a lot to learn, but I'm motivated and excited, and I hope you might help me a little in the beginning.

I would describe myself as open-minded, curious and responsible. I look forward to becoming part of your family for a while. I'm excited about your daily routines, the school, life in Denmark, and everything I'll learn and experience along the way. I'm sure this exchange will be an important and enriching time for me.

Thank you so much for welcoming me into your home. I'm really looking forward to meeting you in person soon.

Warm greetings,

Yours, Ida