

Dear future Host Family,

My name is Isabella, but I generally go by Izzy. I'm a fifteen-year-old girl who lives in the greater Hobart area of Tasmania. I live part-time with my mum at one house and my dad and stepmum at the other. At my dad's house, I also have a younger stepsister and two older stepbrothers. Then I have my younger sister Sienna, who swaps house every two weeks with me.

I would say I am a hardworking and determined girl with a genuine curiosity about the world who loves learning. I am quite social and love to be around my family and friends.

I work two jobs, a weekend job at my local lolly store and then after school at McDonald's. I actually really enjoy both these jobs because I get to socialise, learn new things and skills, and feel productive.

My parents and I are quite close. My mum and I love a road trip. We will drive for hours just because and then go get food afterwards in a new place. This is our bonding time. When we went to Europe last year, we went on a road trip from Denmark to Italy to meet with my dad. We went through seven countries in five days; it was so much fun. We call my mum mor as she is from Denmark, Jyderup to be specific. She moved here in her early twenties after coming to visit a family she knew from her own experience hosting an exchange student, and then she met my dad whilst over here. All my mum's side of the family is in Denmark. I have been to Denmark quite a few times. I have Danish citizenship, and when I was younger, I could speak and understand fluently, although now I struggle with it more. I really would love to improve on my language skills.

My dad and I are also quite close. I am always told how alike we are. We are both goal-oriented and ambitious people. We both love F1 and watch it together whenever we get the chance. On my dad's side of the family, I am closest with my grandparents and aunt. My aunt and I are quite close as she has no children of her own and therefore loves to be around my sister and me. My sister and I are also my grandparents' only grandchildren, so they spoil us rotten. My grandma is the best cook ever and my grandfather is a kind and generous soul. They are a tremendous part of my life and have taught me a lot.

I have two stepbrothers, one named Alex who is 18, and one named Xavier who is 16. They are very silly boys but incredibly kind and thoughtful too. I have a little stepsister named Amelia who is 11 and the sweetest, funniest little girl ever. She is full of energy and loves to talk even more than me! I also have a sister named Sienna. Sienna is 12 and honestly one of my best friends. I love her more than anything, and we tell each other pretty much everything.

I am someone who enjoys doing just about anything. I love to exercise, like going to the gym, going on walks, cycling or going on runs. I also used to play basketball every day before quitting at the end of last year. I really enjoyed basketball and I do casually pick up a ball and play in my free time. I also love to watch sport, mainly basketball and Formula One. My favourite basketball leagues to watch are the WNBA and NBA as well as the NCAA, college basketball, in both the men's and women's league. Formula One is probably my favourite sport to watch at the moment. I absolutely love Mercedes as a team, and both my favourite drivers Kimi Antonelli and George Russell drive for them.

I have many other hobbies too. I love to go to the beach, and I am so lucky because my dad lives directly opposite from the entrance to Seven Mile Beach; it's a minute walk. I also enjoy walking my dog Luna at my dad's. She's such a well-behaved Labrador, unlike my mischievous Jack

Russells Pine and Gaby at my mum's. I also have a cat at my mum's who is my favourite pet by far, sorry dogs. He follows me around and loves to be around me all the time. His name is Jules, and he is seven.

I love to skateboard despite my lack of skill. I've skated on and off (mainly off until recently) since I was 11. Another hobby of mine is drawing and sculpting. I'm not very creative, but I do enjoy it. I also really enjoy travelling, not just internationally, although that is so much fun, but also throughout Australia or even just different parts of Tasmania. I love to travel not only for the holiday and exploration aspect but also because different cultures are so intriguing and the different history of places is so interesting. I am also a big fan of watching movies, reading, and listening to music. I really enjoy reading a book before bed and watching movies in my free time. Music is also a big interest of mine. I used to play drums, and my stepbrother is in a band, so I go to his gigs with friends occasionally. I also just love to listen to music with my headphones in.

My friends are a massive part of my life. I make friends quite easily and love to socialise and talk. I have many friends, both girls and boys, in various friend groups at school and at work. My friends and I love to go shopping, go on walks, and have sleepovers.

Despite me enjoying an active lifestyle, I favour the more academic subjects in school. I enjoy school because of both the social aspect of seeing my friends and talking to everyone and also the learning side. My favourite subject in school is definitely science. I really like it. My favourite part of science is biology, but chemistry and physics are close seconds. English, maths, history, and science are my favourite classes because I learn a lot in them and I love to learn.

I have lots of things I'd love to do in the future. As a career, my main goal is to work in the medical field and then eventually also work as a medical research scientist as well. I'm also really interested in psychology and things under that umbrella, law, journalism, and politics as well. But I see those things as more of just an interest than a career. I would also love to move abroad or at least do some more travelling when I'm older and learn more languages.

I'd love to do an exchange to Denmark to improve on my Danish speaking skills and also to experience the culture more. My mum tries her best to bring as much of it to us as she can, but I'd really like to see some of how her experiences in Denmark might've been and how different Danish families' traditions differ from ours. I also think it would be a good experience for me to learn new things and really put my resilience to the test. I also, of course, have quite a few childhood memories regarding Denmark, and I really enjoy the food and cultural atmosphere.

I think a host family would enjoy hosting me because I am open to trying new things, I'm chatty and generally fun to be around, I am cheerful with a mostly optimistic mindset, and I like to help out around the house and get involved in family activities. I would feel like an extension to your family rather than a guest living in your home.

Thank you so much for reading this letter and considering hosting me. I am forever grateful. I can only imagine how big of a commitment this would be for your family, and I really hope I could fit into your family dynamic. I really look forward to the opportunity to learn a bit more about you.

Kind regards,

Izzy