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Student Sneak Preview



**Christina from Germany (Female, age 16)
2019 Spring Semester Program**

Current Grade Level: 10th grade

English Score: 251

Intended grade in U.S.: 10th grade

Religious Affiliation: Protestant

Profession of Parent(s): Father: computer scientist; Mother: computer scientist

Favorite Sports: Karate, Running, Basketball, Volleyball, Gymnastics, Horseback riding

Favorite Activities: Reading, Listening to music

Age as of August 15th: 15 **Willing to live with pets:** OK

Able to live with smokers: Yes, but only if they smoke outside

Allergies: Yes, mild house dust allergy

Special Dietary Restrictions: No

What makes you unique:

Student's Letter (Excerpt):

Dear host family!

My name is Christina, I'm 15 years old and I live in a small town in the southern part of Germany.

First of all I want to say thank you very much for giving me the chance to stay with you for almost half a year.

I guess you have some questions to me so I try to answer at least a few of them now. My hometown has about 50.000 inhabitants. Here you can find everything you need for everyday life, for example schools, a hospital, sports clubs, cinemas, shopping centers and of course a lot of nature.

My family – that's my dad, my mum, my twin sister and of course me. We live in an apartment with a small garden.

My parents work both for insurance companies. My sister attends the same school as I do.

I would describe my family as open-minded and a nice place to live: we try to find common solutions and agree on things we want to do. However, there are a few of rules and everybody has to contribute. For example I have to clean my room, lay and clear the table, wash the dishes, dust the furniture and sometimes cook. The latter is a lot of fun actually, because I can always try new recipes. We don't have any pets at home, however some of my friends have cats and dogs. So I don't mind if you have pets in general.

During holidays we often go hiking or visit new cities or countries. Among other things, I spent a vacation in the United States 4 years ago. What I experienced there, the friendly and open people and the beautiful nature, made it easy for me to decide for a High School Program in the US.

My school is only a 15 minutes' walk away from home. I attend grade 10 of a Gymnasium, which is a grammar school including 500 students from grade 5 to 12. Classes start at 8:10 am and end at 3:50 pm every day, which is rather unusual for a German school. My favorite subjects are maths, physics, sports and English. Since there is a larger selection of courses at High School than in German schools, I would like to choose new subjects for myself when visiting the High School. I like to go to school because there I meet my friends and have fun. We also have a school orchestra in which my sister and I play saxophone.

In my free time I like to do sport: Up to four times a week I practise Karate, also I train younger children. And of course I use every opportunity to spend time with my friends, have fun, go to the cinema or shopping centers. If I have to describe myself, I would use properties like honest, outgoing, independent and cheerful. That's at least what I also hear from my family, friends and teachers....

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