



UNITED STUDIES

Student Sneak Preview



**Ilja from Germany (Male, age 15)
2019-2020 Academic Year Program**

Current Grade Level: 10th grade
English Score:

Intended grade in U.S.: 12th grade

Religious Affiliation: Orthodox

Profession of Parent(s): Father: Head of Operations

Mother: Dental Technician

Favorite Sports: Going to the gym and playing soccer and basketball with friends

Favorite Activities: Hanging out with friends and listening to American music (pop, hip hop, and rap)

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: No

Special Dietary Restrictions: No

What makes you unique:

Student's Letter (Excerpt):

Dear future host family,

I can imagine that giving a yet unknown person a place in your family and home is a very hard decision which I really admire. To help you find a person who fits well to your family I will try to describe myself as good as I can. Starting with my likes and dislikes is probably a good idea. Most of the things I like can be put into three categories: what I like to do on "all you can do Saturdays," what I like to do on rainy days, and both.

I see sports as an activity which keeps me healthy in which connects people. In my free time I enjoy going to the gym, playing soccer or basketball friends, skiing with my family the winter and swimming in the ocean on a summer vacation. I also enjoy traveling and meeting new people all around the world and getting to know new cultures food and traditions. I took part in an exchange with a Chinese school once which was one of the greatest experiences I ever had. During those weeks I learned so much about the Chinese culture and people there. I also made new friends which makes me hope to have a similar experience in the future.

There are actually not many things I dislike of course there are some political stuff I do not like but I do not want to end this letter in a tense mood. Another thing I dislike is when my smaller sister borrows my pillows and does not give them back.

The USA is the origin of great music, many interesting and historically important people, many great movies, trends, and much more in my eyes. I would love to get to know you and your American dream, about the people and the culture and its diversity, the traditions, the language, and about the every day life. Furthermore, I look forward to meeting new people, attending an American school, getting to know new activities, and improving my English skills.

As I already mentioned at the beginning of this letter, I really admire your openness of taking somebody to live with you for a year. I sincerely appreciate you may be taking me into consideration of who you want to live with for one year. I hope you could get a rough overview of myself even though I could not mention everything. And how Barney from How I Met Your Mother would say: And this is going to be the legend-wait for it-dary!

Sincerely, the author of this probably a little too long letter, Ilja

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