



YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING Intercultural Exchange Programs



HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT and get ready for a life-changing experience! This is a chance to share your story, your traditions and your customs while learning about others. When you open your home and heart to a YFU international exchange student, you'll develop a fresh perspective, make memories and gain a new family member for life. Apply online at yfuusa.org or call us to learn more. Our dedicated staff and volunteers will be there every step of the way.

TYPICAL YFU STUDENTS ARE

- from one of 70 countries
- proficient speakers in English
- eager to learn about your family
- medically insured and have their own spending money
- able to share a room with another host sibling
- sure to become an integral part of your family

YFU PROVIDES

- orientations and workshops throughout the exchange year
- local support volunteers
- 24-hour emergency support

ASK YFU ABOUT

Study Abroad discounts for hosting families

Nike 16 Year Female from Germany

Student #: 2019-149-003-0002

Nike is looking forward to experiencing the "school spirit" at an American school, spending time in after-school activities, and becoming a true member of her host family during her year abroad in the USA! This 15-year-old girl from Germany describes herself as "friendly, reliable, and open-minded." Nike is sporty and active. To keep active, Nike plays floor hockey, swims, enjoys downhill skiing, and she is very open to trying new activities while she is in the USA. She would like to experience playing floor hockey in the USA, if possible, and would also like to learn to play tennis, lacrosse, or ice hockey. Nike also enjoys cooking and baking, which is an activity she does at home with her younger sister and with her friends. Her favorite subjects at school are Math and Chemistry, and she really enjoys learning new languages. Nike is close with her family, and looks forward to their travels together during the holidays. In particular, they have traveled to the United States together twice, which sparked Nike's interest in our country. With friends, Nike likes to shop, go to the movies, listen to music, and take pictures. Nike can't wait for this opportunity to come to America and get to know our culture! Arriving in August of 2019

Rieke 15 Year Female from Germany

Student #: 2019-149-003-0020

Rieke is looking forward to getting to know the American culture during her year abroad in the USA! She is a 15-year-old from Germany, who describes herself as "ambitious at school and in sports activities." She would be such a fun addition to your family! Rieke is sporty and active. To keep active, she plays handball, skis, enjoys karate, and she is very open to trying new activities while she is in the USA. Rieke would like to experience playing basketball in the USA, and would also like to try gymnastics, if possible. She also enjoys baking, reading, listening to music, watching sports, and meeting with her friends. Her favorite subjects in school are Math, English, and PE since she loves to be active. When she has finished high school, she plans to be an air traffic controller. Rieke is close with her family, and looks forward to eating dinner together and skiing during the winter months. With friends, Rieke likes to go to the movies, go swimming, and have sleepovers. Rieke would like to thank her American host family for making her dream of living in the USA a reality! Arriving in August of 2019

Anneke 15 Year Female from Germany

Student #: 2019-149-003-0024

Say "cello" to musically inclined, 15-year-old Anneke from Germany! She's friendly, confident, open-minded, reliable, and loves to travel and laugh. Anneke loves expressing her creativity through many different avenues. She has played the cello for the last six years, danced ballet, and sings with her school choir. If you have pets, no worries, Anneke adores animals and has her own pets that she helps care for at home, along with assisting in cleaning the house and meal preparation. Her other hobbies include painting, drawing, reading, and listening to music. With friends, Anneke enjoys going to the movies, attending concerts, swimming, and shopping. With her family, they cook together, go for bike rides, and play games in the evenings. Anneke hopes that this exchange year will give her a new experience, as part of her interests are to travel and see different cultures, as well as a chance to meet new people. Give this wonderfully creative student a chance to live her dreams! Arriving in August of 2019

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Jannes 15 Year Male from Germany

Student #: 2019-149-003-0055

Fifteen-year-old Jannes from Germany describes himself as curious and humorous, and he likes to make jokes! He is open to all genres of music, and English is his favorite subject at school. Jannes loves speaking English, and even watches YouTube videos in English. He is not sure of his plans for the future, but he is considering the possibility of becoming a police officer. Jannes had the opportunity to intern with a police officer and he thoroughly enjoyed it! One of his main hobbies is playing computer games. He also enjoys being around animals, meeting up with friends, photography, and watching movies. Jannes describes his family as easy-going and having a good relationship. Together, they enjoy gardening, and going to the movies, theatre, and restaurants. Jannes wants to thank you for considering including him in your family! Arriving in August of 2019

Xingkai 16 Year Male from China

Student #: 2019-128-003-0012

Xingkai, who turns 17 in the spring, comes to us from China! "Kai" thanks you from the bottom of his heart for opening your arms to a student from far away, and for accepting him into your family. During his spare time, Kai likes to play soccer, swim, and run. He considers himself to be warm-hearted, bright, easy-going, and energetic. Kai loves to learn and share with others. With a penchant for helping others, he is an active volunteer in soccer, coaching younger players, organizing monthly friendly matches between schools, and teaching younger children to swim at the community pool. Kai describes his family life as being "full of love," and he considers their dog Nan-Nan to be like a younger brother. Being very curious about the USA, he looks forward to complete immersion into our culture and lifestyle. He also hopes for the opportunity to share some of his Chinese culture and history with you. During this exchange year, Kai believes he will become the very best version of himself! Arriving in August of 2019

Zheming 16 Year Male from China

Student #: 2019-128-003-0015

Outgoing, friendly, and carefree are words used by friends to describe 15-year-old Zheming from China! Nicknamed Benjamin, his teachers add that he is creative and shares wonderful ideas in class. Favorite school subjects are Math and Physics because he enjoys the challenge of finding solutions. Family is important to Benjamin, with his grandfather fostering his logic skills when he was very little. Well-rounded, Benjamin plays the clarinet well and is a member of a symphonic orchestra. He hopes to continue his musical involvement while on exchange, if possible. He also runs daily, and has participated in distance running events at school. Benjamin likes listening to music, especially Linkin Park, playing computer games, sharing his sense of humor while hanging out with friends, outdoor activities, baking, and crafts. His goals on exchange are to better understand American culture and technology, and to learn more independence. Is there room in your life for this open-minded and caring young man? Arriving in August of 2019

Dinh 15 Year Male from Germany

Student #: 2019-149-003-0107

Meet 15-year-old Dinh from Germany, whose nickname is Johnny! Ballroom dancing is a favorite hobby of Johnny's, which includes his repertoire of the cha-cha, jive, and the waltz. When he is not dancing, Johnny can be found reading a good book or playing soccer with his friends. At school, Johnny loves to learn about history because he finds it important to learn from the past. When he has finished high school, he plans to spend a year in India to help those less fortunate. With his family, Johnny enjoys hiking in the mountains to experience the beautiful German nature and fresh air, playing board games, and being a part of their church's choir and acolyte team. Self-described as adaptive, funny, and open-minded, Johnny can't wait to join your family for the upcoming school year! Arriving in August of 2019

Leran 15 Year Female from China

Student #: 2019-128-003-0021

Fifteen-year-old Leran from China considers herself to be a happy, smiling, optimistic, and outgoing girl, and has chosen to take the name Chloe during her exchange year! Chloe's optimism and energy have led her to be involved in many activities. She plays the drum set and also plays percussion in her school's marching band. She loves listening to all kinds of music including pop, jazz, and classical, and artists such as Taylor Swift, Imagine Dragons, Coldplay, and Eminem. Chloe likes to stay active by participating in badminton, swimming, and jogging, all just for fun. Books and movies are also of interest to Chloe, liking Harry Potter and Marvel superheroes to name a few. Rounding out her interests are arts and crafts, animals (no bugs please!), and delicious food. She likes American food, and would love to cook some Chinese food for you! Chloe loves her parents and her cousins, and enjoys spending time with them especially for the New Year's celebration. Chloe and her friends like to talk, laugh, play, and study together. Chloe looks forward to her exchange year, and hopes to make many new friends and experience many American traditions. "I am very happy to stay at your home and become a new family member," says Chloe! Arriving in August of 2019

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