

Dear Host Family,

I still can't believe I'm writing this letter. For me it's like a dream think that next year I may be in America with you and grow up together.

My name is Elena and I'm sixteen years old. I live in a little village in Italy. I've always lived there and I love this place because it's quiet and beautiful.

I attend to a Technical School, where I study subjects like Economics, Law, etc., and three foreign languages: English, French and Spanish. I love study foreign languages and my favourite subjects are English, but also Italian and History.



I like to practice sport, in particular volleyball.

I play volleyball three times a week plus one or two matches in the weekend. I really like to play volleyball, it's my passion. I'm also very close to my team and we are a really good team. My role is the central and I like it but I would like also to try new roles because it's lot of time that I do it. Me and my volleyball team have done lots of experiences together, for example on September 2016 we went to the sea to play beach volley for three days. It has been a great holiday. In this three days we have worked a lot and we were always really tired but we continuous go on. It has been a beautiful experience!

Even if it seems strange I like study, but in my free time I try to distract myself, for example going out with my friends; because study everyday it's a little heavy and tiring sometimes.



Well, I have four friends with who I usually go out and we also play volleyball in the same team so we stay lot of time together.

We usually eat a pizza together, or go to the cinema, or go shopping in the centre of the city, or only stay together and laugh for everything.

I love films and cinema in general, in fact since when I was a child I've always dreamt to become an actress, but it's an impossible dream. I don't have a favourite genre because I like to see every type of films. But if I have to say my favourite genre I chose love story, because in most of the film I usually see there's love. I also don't have a favourite film because there are lots of film that I like and I remember for something. I like TV series and talent show too.



I also like seeing new places, in fact with my family I have visited different cities in Italy and we often go on holiday in different places. I like to see new places and to discover all about them.

We usually go to the sea on holiday, but when I was a child we also go a lot to the mountain. We stop go to the mountain because I was a child and I get tired everytime.

Now I like to have a walk sometimes so when I can I do it because I think it's great.

Now let's speak about my family! I love my family and share lot of things and moments when

we have some free time. There's my father who is a baker (in fact I always eat a lot); my mother who is an housewife; my sister who is a shop assistant; my sister's boyfriend who



studies Economics at the university, he passes lot of time with us and he sometimes help me with my homework; and finally my cat, Micia, and I love her. Micia is black and white and she's so sweet.

I'm really afraid of dogs, but now my sister has decided to take a dog.

This dog will arrive very early and I hope I will overcome my fear and be completely in peaceful with all the animals.

In my family there are other two important people to me: my

grandparents. I love them and I always stay with them when I can. When we are together we chat a lot about everything. I'm very close to them because when I was a child I spent most of my time with them because my parents work. My gran-mother also cook for me lots of typical food of our area. I love them. I also went on holiday with them for every June since I was twelve years old. Then I have lots of uncles, aunts and cousins, but I don't usually see them.

For me festivity like for example Christmas, Eastern, the New Year, etc. are very important. I



usually stay with my relatives and I'm sure that this will be great with you.

There are some things to know about me. Firstly for food, because I don't eat too many things. I hope that with this experience I will change in positive.

I'm not very good in kitchen, because I cook only pasta and "spaghetti", the rest it's a mistery to me. But with pasta I think I'm quite good.

My character has lots of aspects. At the beginning, if I don't feel at ease, I'm a little bit shy, but not so much. After I'm the contrary of shy: I always speak, I like smile and laugh and I'm really curious. I'm responsible, polite and I like to know always new people. I think I'm friendly too.

I decided to become an exchange student not only to improve my English, but for have an experience which can really change my life, and I think that America is the right place for me.

I have always loved America and I want to discover its traditions and culture. I really want to become just like an American girl, to do different things than what I do now.

I want to bring a piece of Italy to you, my dear Host Family, and thank you if you will decide to give me this huge possibility.



Actually I don't know what I will do in my future and maybe this experience will help me to decide it for take the right decision.

So all in all, I hope you have liked my letter and me, and I hope you will chose me ☺

Hope I will see you soon.

Bye from Italy.

Elena