

Dear Host Family,

hi, I'm Martina and I'm your future daughter from Italy. I'm so excited about writing this letter! I've dreamed this moment so far and now I'm so touched that I can't find the words to describe this feelings. I chose America to spend this experience because is one of my favourite countries and it's very particular and different in every state.

Also, I think that live in the USA for one year it's a big opportunity to improve my English (my favourite language) and to improve myself, and my sense of responsibility too.

I'm 16 years old, I live in a small town in the north of Italy with my parents and my little brother. I've got also one sister, she's older than me, and she moved away last year. She is a hairdresser and she works in our town. My brother frequents the primary school. My dad is an architect and my mum is an housewife.

I'm going to introduce myself.. I don't practise any sport, but I go to the gym in my town, with my cousin, and I've done dance for 5 years. When I was little my dream was to be the most famous classic dancer in the world, and dance in the most famous theatres.

One of my favourite hobbies is drawing. I didn't frequent any course of drawing, I've got this passion since I was little. I remember I started drawing with my grandfather, we drew only horses, I don't know why, then with my aunt I started drawing most seriously because she gave me a small suitcase with lots of colour and pencils. When I have some free time I go in my room and I start drawing. I always draw portrait of famous people, like actors or singers, and I don't like very much drawing landscapes. I keep my drawing in a folder in my desk.

I like also reading, every type of book, and when I really enjoy a book I can finish it in 24 hours! I started reading when I was very little, like six years old thanks to my dad, because he has always bought me books and we always read them together. The first book he bought me was "The sword in the stone". I love read, because when I read it's like I'm in another planet, doing all the adventures, feeling all the emotions described in the book with the characters. At the moment my favourite book is Lolita by Vladimir Nabokov, it's quite difficult to understand, but I really loved the story. I recommend it absolutely. When I'm living alone in my house, I'm going to put a huge library with all my books. I'm already imaging it!

I like to cook cakes or sweets with my mum or with my grandmother. My favourite cake is the chocolate cake, and it's also what I do best. Obviously I will be very happy of cook it for you, as a little thanks to choose me! My mum and my grandmother taught me how to cook, but I'm only good at cooking cakes. I watch Masterchef with my mum since the first season and I also watch Hell's Kitchen.

I listen to music every day, especially before sleep. I listen to every type of music. I don't have a favourite singer, but my favourite band is the 30 seconds to mars. I really like watching movies. My favourite saga it's Harry Potter, and I have all the books. I don't have a favourite

movie, but the most recent I saw was The Revenant with Leonardo DiCaprio and I liked it very much! I like all the genre except horror or science-fiction.

I've practised catechism since I was 7 or 8 years old (I don't remember well when I started), and for the three years of middle school every summer I went to the summer camp with my catechists and my friend for a week. In the morning we did a moment of reflections where we talked about our thoughts and feelings, then, in the afternoon after lunch we were split in groups and we played lots of games together. One day for week we went on a day trip, of example in the mountains, or on a mountain creek. I really enjoyed myself!

In the future I'd like to be a journalist, but I haven't decided yet. I would like to go to the university to study English, or Spanish and German that are the other two languages that I'm studying at my high school now. This year I've started studying Art and I like it very much and I also like the Art's teacher, she's adorable. So maybe I will study this subject at the university.

One of my biggest dream is to visit every city I want to, because I'm really curious. Is for this last reason and because I'm curious that I want to be an Exchange Student, and because I want to prove myself and try this new experience.

Also, live in a completely different place, with a different family, school and new friends will be a great experience. I chose the USA because it's a country that I've always loved, and, unfortunately, I've only seen in the movies. It's a country so different from mine, so I want to discover it!

With my "new family", so with you, I'm ready to talk about my culture and to explain everything I know about it, to be always helpful and friendly. I'm ready to change my routine too and to discover a new way of living, for live this experience as best I can!

Thank you so much for have read my letter, I hope you enjoyed it.



Yours, Martina