Hello my dear family!

My name is Silvia, I'm sixteen years old and I live in a small town in the north of Italy with my mum and my dad. My mum is ceo in her company and she works with my dad, who is a doctor of the heart. We are just three but I always fancy having a brother or sisters of my age or a bit older than me. I would like to have a dog too but my dad doesn't want. I like other animals as hamsters but I'm allergic to cats and I can't live with them.

Now I attend the third year of "Liceo delle Scienze Umane" an high school where the principal subjects are the human sciences (psychology, pedagogy, anthropology sociology). I also study economy and law, English, Italian, math, physic, philosophy, history, art and Spanish which is a language that I like a lot. I don't know yet what I want to do in the future but I'm inspired to became a psychologist because human mind intrigue me.

Usually school occupies much of my time because I have to study a lot and do homework but when I haven't got any things to do I go out with my friends. If the weather is fine we walk around or go to the parks, otherwise we stay to somebody's home all together.

Twice a week I go swimming to keep myself fit and I practiced it when I was child for some years. Although that I'm not very sport person and I prefer to relax even if in the the past I practiced other sports like gymnastic and a bit of horse riding but they weren't for me.

I prefer watching tv or going to the cinema for that I'm interested in films and TV series. My favorite kind is horror because I like ghosts, monsters, spirits, supernatural and other terrible things even if I'm scared of them and I afraid when I watch this type of film. But I like also other categories: action, comedy and cartoon. My favorite actor is Dylan O'brien, a boy who acts in TV series "Teen Wolf" that I love and Leonardo Di Caprio, the famous actor of Titianic.

Another my passion is music and I like listening pop, rap, dubstep and techno. Sometimes music helps me to cheer me up but usually I listen to music while I'm doing shower, while I'm walking alone, almost always! I like a lot of singers but my favorite is Tiziano Ferro, an Italian male pop singer that I listen since I was child. I went to his concert in Milan one years ago and it was fantastic. It was my first concert and I hope will go to many others.

When I'm alone at home I love turn up the volume of my stereo and dancing. It is very funny and distract me from my bad thoughts. I often watch on internet videos about disco dance, hip-hop dancers, street dance, reggaeton and I would like to learn dancing better because I think that I'm not very keen on it.

Two years ago I started theatre at my school. I wasn't very sure to beginning this activity because the idea of acting in front of lots of people scared me but at the end I decided to do it and it was a great choice! The first times it was difficult for me but thanks to my group of

theatre and my teacher of acting I'm get better. I acted in two shows: an old opera called "Lisistrata" written by the greek philosopher Aristotele and a funny comedy called "Message in a bottle" which tells about events of 13 people on a boat. Me and my group also participated a contest in Turin but we didn't win even if most of the people congratulated us. Before go on stage I'm always agitated and worry but while I'm on stage I have a lot of fun because I'm acting a character who isn't me. Theatre is an experience that I would like to repeat again because it helps me to be more confident and outgoing.

In fact I'm not a very confident person with people that I don't know well, I'm shy at first and I don't like it. I would like to be more outgoing but when I want to make something I'm determined. I think that I'm also honest because I present me for what I am and not for other person. I always try to be nice, friendly and polite with everybody.

With my parents I've visited different places since I was a child: some Italian famous cities, from the sea to the mountains but I've never been in the south of Italy. I really love my country because It's very characteristics: the weather is good, the food is fantastic, some places are unique, It is full of art, culture, beautiful monuments and most of people are confident and nice. Although that in the last years I've visited new countries outside Italy. I love discovering new places, new culture, new languages and I also love adventure. Thanks my parents I've done great experiences: for example me and my dad explored a cave in Mexico, we did rafting in a river in mountain, we went on airboat in a swamp to see alligators… and each one of this experiences are stayed in my heart. I remember them also because every time we visit new place me and my dad take much photos.

I'm very keen on photography and I like make photos of everything as views, food, people and others. I want to learn make them better to have beautiful memories. I have got a lot of photos of my memories, especially of the USA. I was there three times up to now and it was great!

For that I've chosen to do this experience of exchange student in the USA, to know the culture, meet new people, change my lifestyle and to challenge myself. I look forward to share my traditions, learn new things and become part of your family. I hope this opportunity will help me to grow up and to become more confident. I really want to do this experience, for me, for my future and I can't miss the occasion. I'd be very grateful if you could help me realizing it! I will help you too, I will give you my love, share my culture and everything I can give to you. Because I know that It won't be easy at the beginning but I think we can make it.

I'm also very grateful to my family which afford me to realize this project and I thank you for what you will do for me. I'm very excited to meet you all!
With love,

Silvia