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Meet Eren from Turkey



Service Ref: 17-00941
Gender: Male
Age (at arrival): 15 years
Program length: Year
Graduation Date: June 1, 2021
Religion: None

GPA: Outstanding
Quartile: Q1(Top position)
ELTIS: 226

Eren is a gifted student who loves math, science, and technology. He has an entrepreneurial drive, developed programming skills on his own, and has already been able to harness his talent in web design to earn money. He would like to someday develop apps and be CEO of his own company. He is in the Robotics club at his high school. Eren is also passionate about cooking. He follows recipes for international dishes and has started creating his own recipes as well. Eren looks forward to the opportunity to connect with people from every walk of life on his exchange and improve his language skills.

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Letter to Host Family

“To my host family,

Merhaba, I mean “hello”. I feel very lucky myself on the way of exchanging cultures and lives thanks to AFS and I’m sure I will be nice to meet you. By means of this program, we will spend a lot of time together so I want you to have some opinion about me.

My family describes me as creative, successful and entrepreneur person. When I ask them why they think like that, they say “don’t you see, you always try to make something different, you are interested in a lot of things so you are an early entrepreneur.” They say “you were admitted to science and art school when you were 8 years old (in my country you have to be talented and gifted to be chosen this school), you always got highest marks, graduated from your middle-school with degree and now you are in science high school (in my country it is really difficult to be accepted to a science high school) so you are successful”. OK, these are true but I think the real success is being regularly successful; I don’t make a thing to be only successful. Sometimes they don’t know what I’m talking about and when I explain them they become satisfied. Lots of time they say “we are proud of you” and they say “you started to teach us lots of things, this is the proof of you have grown”. I love my family, we are so concordant. We always help each other about chores, homework and of course about mental things.

My friends have different opinions about me but common thing they say to me is “Why you are doing this?”. Let me give an example. It happened last week. I was at the school and at the break. I was reading the book called “Sapiens” and one of my friends came out and asked why I was reading that book, we have homework from different reading books for next week. I know this is homework and important but now I’m reading this book, I can also read other books while I’m reading this book. One is for homework the other book is necessary for my mind. Maybe this is not a big example but this scenario affects all other behaviors. Sometimes I find a new topic which really interests me and I want to talk about this with my friends but they mostly say “Why you think about this?” and this is a little boring for me but anyway I like them. We do sports, we play games etc. Mostly I invite them to play or make something but they generally refuse me because we study at a difficult school and my friends doesn’t have time to make something free, they mostly have to spend their time by studying. Actually, it is sometimes very difficult for me not to be understood by my friends about my interests and minds. But, I see that in this school we are all new friends and in time we will know each other better because we are getting closer. I also feel myself lucky that I have a very supporting family.

I want to mention about something about my family life. I have a large family with my aunts, a little sister and a little brother and my grandmother. We don’t live together with my aunts but we always back up each other. My parents are both teachers so I get advices from them about my education. My father is my life coach at the same time so he gives me advices about what I can do and how I can solve many problems. In some subjects if they are not able to give me advice they give me their unlimited courage.

My favorite interest and the reason why I want to go to a university is “technology”. I am crazy about technology because it gives you a chance to make whatever you imagine. Thanks to technology we are able to make what we think. We can embody our thoughts and make our dreams real. When I was a small kid I realized it and made researches about it. I have still been trying to learn how to manage. Recently, the most important thing about technology has been coding and I have started to learn about it and I love it because it is unbelievably good, you are really able to make whatever you want. The emotion of creation is incredible. But when I started to discover the world of the technology, when I was a little boy, there was a problem, there weren’t many sources to learn it only in my native language. So unconsciously I started to learn English. The coding thought has developed on me in time. I made websites, for example,

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once for an accounting company. It was, I think my first business experience- I mean for the first time I earned money thanks to technology. Also I have made some more websites for myself just for fun. I have checked almost every programming language. Nowadays I'm taking a iOS App Development course from the Internet in English. In the future, I'd like to have apps in App Store. I edit videos and edit animations on them, it improves my presentation skills. I'm interested in Science and Math, too. I'm subscriber of many science magazines. I have many science magazine collections because I have followed some science magazines every month since I was four. I wasn't able to read but my mum read me and most of time I remember myself doing experiments in the kitchen or in the bathroom. After I learned reading it was easier for me of course because I could read and do experiments easily by myself. I'm interested in music, films, books, sports too. I play guitar as an amateur. I have tried almost every sport and done them sometimes but my favorite is basketball. I follow NBA and supporting 76ers because a Turkish player Furkan Korkmaz plays there. Also I have swum since my childhood. I don't think I'm good at it but I'm the fastest swimmer of my family. One of my other favorite interest is cooking. I love preparing foods, try new recipes. I try every kind of food not especially traditional food. The last time I tried a Mexican food called "enchilada" and even my grandmother who is very keen on traditional food loved it very much. The Internet again helped me to find different countries dishes. My family says I have a good gusto. I have my own recipes and I'd like to make dinner for my host family.

My main personal goal about this program is absolutely communicate all people different countries and cultures. Because I believe I can improve all my skills and senses if I meet different people and cultures. The world is in 21st century is very global and it is not enough to communicate all people only in my country and only in my language. I know that especially English doesn't count as foreign language so I want to speak English quite well and other languages. Of course, there are more goals for me with this program but sharing cultures, languages, feelings, ideas and lives will be very exciting experience.

I know that I have to be successful at my school life for developing myself academically. I have always liked numerical classes such as math, physic and nowadays I have these classes so I really want to be at school. I feel sad when I'm ill if I can't go to school when we have these classes at school. Although I like other classes too, numerical ones are my favorite. Also I join competitions and activities at school. I'm in Robotic Club. We are making and developing robots for robot competitions with my team. However my busy school life sometimes may limit my time to learn coding and get in other social activities. You know I graduated from secondary school with degree and I had a hard exam. At the high school I'm in, everyone was graduated with degree so it is harder to have a new degree here. Therefore as far as I see, my friends need to spend much of their time by studying. I don't think this is a competition but anyway my marks are really above from class average especially at the classes like math. I want to go to university to be a Computer Engineer. So I have to work hard to be admitted from a good university. After university I want to found a technology company which changes the world for developing humanity and I will be the CEO of this company. I want to make people's life easier and discover something for humanity. Then if I want to be a CEO I have to know more than just software or coding, I have to develop team work skills too. For that I have to relate and communicate well and I think this program will be a mile stone for me.

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