



# You could bring a student like this into your home!

## Meet Rasmus from Denmark



**Service Ref:** 17-01034  
**Gender:** Male  
**Age (at arrival):** 16 years  
**Program length:** Year  
**Graduation Date:** June 1, 2021  
**Religion:** Lutheran

**GPA:** Good  
**Quartile:** Q1(Top position)  
**ELTIS:** 278

Rasmus is a studious thinker, and independent, although he enjoys spending time with close friends. He lives on a farm with his parents and 2 older sisters. An early riser, he commutes by train to school 15 miles away. Physics and chemistry are his favorite and best subjects. He likes seeing what the world is made of and why, and foresees a science career, perhaps as an astronaut. He wants to play at least one sport during his U.S. exchange year. He's looking forward to having time to play sports and hang out with new friends, and to broadening his understanding of the world with you.

### Good to Know

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Cats & dogs ok

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Dear future host family,

My name is Rasmus, I am currently 15 years old, but I will be 16 years old when my year as an exchange student begins. Friends and family would maybe describe me as introvert, however, I am still social and have close friends, I believe I'm seen as introvert, but I guess I just tend to think about things more than talking. I live with my family in Mid-Jutland, Denmark. My family consist of me, my dad, my mom and my two older sisters. We live on a small countryside farm, but we don't have any other animals than a dog and a cat.

I attend a private school in the middle of a town of around 50.000 citizens. The school is 15 miles away, so I must get out of bed around 6 AM to get to school. My school starts at 8:15 AM and end at 2:30 PM every day. It is a larger school from a Danish perspective, with just under 1000 students attending, stretched out on 11 grades. I just recently started in this school, I used to attend a public school. My old school is just 3 miles away, in a small town of around 3000 citizens. Back when I went to that school, I rode my bike, took the bus, or I was driven by one of my parents to get there. Today I am driven to a nearby train station that has a connection with the train station in the city I go to school in.

My class consist of 24 students, including me. My favorite subjects would be physics and chemistry. I find the two subjects fascinating, because I like to see what the world is made of, and why. I seem to remember what we learn in these two subjects better than in the other, I guess that is why I find them exciting, because I'm good at it. Therefore, I hope that I one day will work with something related to the subjects, like a physicist or so, which shouldn't be impossible to reach with my grades, where I am in the better half of my class. We have a lot of homework, which can be tough, because then I don't have time to do what I want to do, like being together with friends. The upside of losing a lot of my spare time to homework is that we learn a lot, and fast.

It is not like I do my homework all the time, I also have some free time. I enjoy playing video games, which I spend some hours doing every weekend, I usually don't have time during the rest of the week. I built my own stationary computer in spring 2017, because I think it's more fun than buying one. I bought the parts I could afford, and those who would fit together. I also did it to learn what a computer consists of, and why. My father helped me out with the computer, because I didn't know that much about it at the time. In my spare time I once swam, went to target practice, and a long time before that I was a scout. Now I don't have the time because of school, but I would like to start training at least one sport, when I join my school as exchange student.

I am currently retraining after I broke my left arm, which have given me problems since I broke it early March 2017. It was so bad I had to be operated, and I got two screws in the elbow. The physiotherapy has been a lot of pain, but I'd rather go through a lot of pain to get an almost fully operational arm, than have an arm I would not be able to use. I believe my patience got me through all these months where I've been affected the most, I still am affected, but not that much.

I want to tell a little about what I do with my family, what we do together in holidays. In many holidays, we have been at a small Danish island just south-west of Jutland, which is roughly 56 square kilometers (roughly 20 square miles). It's basically one giant sand bank that has built up over time, and it's just a 15 minutes ferry trip from a larger seaport city called Esbjerg. And from time to time we go to different amusement parks, that would for example be Legoland Resort, but that is maybe once per year.

I really look forward to going to another country for a year, it's something I hope will give me a better understanding of the world, and the differences of cultures in different countries. Therefore, I hope to also learn a new language, even though I know I probably won't become good at it. I might

need to take a language course depending on which country I will go to. But hopefully it will become helpful later in my life, in my studies, work-relations or a future holiday.

This was a little about me, I look forward to meeting you!