



You could bring a student like this into your home!

Meet Maria from Portugal



Service Ref: 18-01212
Gender: Female
Age (at arrival): 16 years
Program length: Year
Graduate: No
Religion: None

GPA: Good
Quartile: Q2(Middle-high position)
ELTIS: 230

Open-minded, helpful, funny, spontaneous, creative Maria from Portugal has a passion for school as it gives her the opportunity to grow as a human being, improve her capacities, enlarge her vision of the world and prepare for the future. She loves math and hopes to pursue it in the future. Her perfect day would include: a healthy breakfast, a bike ride with friends, a sunset, a family dinner and a great movie on television. She also enjoys spending weekends with friends at new places, listening to music, reading English authors, and taking pictures. She can't wait for this adventure to begin!

Good to Know

Cats & dogs ok

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In accordance with US Department of State Regulations, host families of J-1 exchange students must be fully screened and accepted before viewing actual student photos. To initiate the screening process, start our hosting application today.

Dear host family,

As a matter of fact, a simple letter is not enough to describe a person. But I'll do my so you can at least get an idea of what I am like.

To start with the facts of life: my name is Maria, I'm 16, I come from Portugal where I live with my family of 4, including my younger sister, who with I have a close, mutually respectful relationship. I know they are always there for me in spite of independence.

As for my character I guess I'm mature enough to get some distance of myself and judge me: I'm a quite, methodic teenager yet open-minded and ready to accept differences. I'm aware that my friends see me as a helpful, funny, spontaneous and creative person.

Regarding routines and personal interests I would mention my obligations as a demanding student which I fulfill attending classes, getting tutorials and studying at home. My weekend activities include meeting my friends at appealing new places over the city, listening to music, ride my bike along the river, reading English authors, photography ...

If I had to describe a perfect day it would contain a healthy breakfast, a ride in my bike with my friends while watching the sun go down into the river, a family dinner and finally a great movie on TV.

But life is not perfect and frustration invades me when, for example, I feel unable to list priorities or when people show some kind of mistrust in me.

Both situations may bring about some level of frustration but I have learned how to deal with it either through dialogue or seeking isolation in order to clear my mind.

What I had in mind on applying for AFS was basically leave my comfort zone, test myself, meet new people, new cultures, new countries, and grow as a human being. Regarding the language I would like to either improve my English or start learning a new one.

My relationship with school has always been one of deep interest and dedication: I see school as a means to grow as a human being, to improve my capacities, to enlarge my vision of the world and to prepare my future.

My favorite classes are philosophy, physics and above all maths. Where grades are concerned I am a rather good student.

My career plans are not yet fully decided but I feel they will have to do with maths unless my experience with AFS will open new perspectives.

I can't wait for this adventure to start!

Best regards,
Maria