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Meet Thea from Switzerland



Service Ref: 18-00767
Gender: Female
Age (at arrival): 16 years
Program length: Year
Graduate: No
Religion: Christian

GPA: Outstanding
Quartile: Q1(Top position)
ELTIS: 257

Thea is a funny, helpful, and responsible young woman from the French-speaking part of Switzerland. She has a small family, but they are really close and enjoy eating dinner and talk together. Thea says that she is especially close to her grandmother. With her family they enjoy doing sports together, like running and riding bikes. Thea likes skiing, swimming, and tennis, basically anything to get her outside to clear her mind and get moving. She really enjoys math and science in school. After college she would like to become a doctor in military medicine and then later become a surgeon.

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,

My name is Thea and I'm now fifteen years old. I am living in a big city in Switzerland.

I think my friends would describe me as a good person and a really good friend because I am always here when they need help. I listen to them and don't make any judgment; I just want to help them by giving them helpful advices. My family and my friends say that I can be very serious and funny, it depends on the situation. You can have fun with me and laugh a lot when the situation allows. When I am studying I am quiet, serious and concentrated.

I don't really have the habit of asking my parents for advice, but I know if I need them they will be/are there. But when I have a problem or when something important happens, I prefer to talk to my best friends first.

We are a small family. There are my older brother, me and my parents. I often see my grandmother because she doesn't live very far but as my parents are French, all the rest of the family lives far, which is why I rarely see them.

I have a really close relationship with my parents. They are really important for me; we talk and exchange a lot. During dinners, when we are all together, we all talk about what happened during the day.

Since my grandfather's long illness and death, I am especially close to my grandmother because when it happened, she was very sad and my mother too. It was really hard so I did what I could to help them. I tried to cheer them up and did my best to take care of the family members who were sad. I wanted them to rest to get better because taking time for oneself is often the solution in this sort of situation.

In my family we do a lot of sports. In my free time I like doing sports: I like to go running and I also often ride a bicycle with my friends when the weather is nice and warm. One of my passions is skiing. I have been skiing since I was a little girl and I always liked it. Until last year I went skiing every winter during the weekend as we live close to the mountains. Every year I was in a new group at the ski school but I have never had any problem to make friends even if I'm shy at first.

This year I do not ski as much as I would like as I have less time due to my studies and homework. But I often go to the mountains with friends or with my father. I also like summer, I can go swimming or stay outside to play tennis. I love discovering new activities. I love these sports because they allow me to be outdoors which frees my mind and keeps me healthy.

I like to go out with my friends, listen to music or read a good book for example but I don't like doing nothing.

I am a person who likes to talk and laugh a lot, I am an open person and I am interested in many subjects.

I do an exchange because I want to discover a new country and a new culture. I have always lived in Switzerland and being able to live elsewhere in the world is for me very important for growing up and discovering myself better. I would like to meet new friends, new people and know how they live in their country. I think it's interesting to form an opinion and discover for yourself whether what we are told about a country is true or not. I am already quite autonomous but to go alone abroad can teach me a lot and prepare me for my adult life.

My aim during this exchange is of course improving my English because this language is very important whether in work or in life in general. I already have a correct level as I am able to understand what I read, able to write basic texts and I am more and more familiar with spoken English.

Letter to Host Family

My school is very demanding and it requires a lot of work but for me it's not a problem because I like studying. I want to have the best future and the best job possible, that's why I work so much and why I am so demanding of myself. I spend a lot of time studying, often more than the others, to get the best grades possible and to have the choice of what I want to do later. But I still find time to see my friends and do other things as balance in life is important.

I am really interested in science subjects. I love mathematics, biology, chemistry and physics.

After the College (high school), I plan to study medicine. I always dreamed of becoming a doctor and especially a surgeon. These studies are very difficult and time consuming but this is what I want.

I want to help people and be a scientist. I would like to travel during a few years with my job, I may be doing humanitarian work or military medicine at the beginning of my career.

I hope the above will help you to discover who I am and what my personality is.

Sincerely yours,

Théa