



You could bring a student like this into your home!

Meet Velid from Bosnia and Herzegovina



Service Ref:	19-00006	GPA:	Outstanding
Gender:	Male	Quartile:	
Age (at arrival):	17 years	ELTIS:	242
Program length:	Year		
Graduate:	No		
Religion:	Muslim		

Cheerful and studious Velid comes from a small mountain town where everyone knows everyone, and loves going hiking in the woods and swimming in nearby lakes and rivers with his family. In his free time, Velid exercises his brain by reading and playing games like chess, and also keeps fit and active playing soccer, swimming, skiing, and working out. Velid aspires to work in tech one day, or to become an English professor and inspire young minds! He can't wait to enjoy new experiences, to make new lifelong friendships, and to grow as a person in the U.S.! Arrival to HF community: Aug 16

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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.

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STUDENT NAME:

Velid

First name

Middle name



Form 2

HOST FAMILY LETTER

INSTRUCTIONS

Write your U.S. host family a letter:

- Introduce yourself and your family. What activities do you enjoy doing together?
What are your responsibilities at home?
- Describe your interests.
- Tell about your friends. What activities do you like to do together?

- Write two or three sentences to describe your city.
- What plans, if any, do you have for your future and career?
- What else do you want your host family to know about you?
- What would you like to gain from your exchange experience?

Write your letter in English. You may only use both sides of Form 2. Do NOT write outside the box or paste photos on this form. Do NOT include your family name, your relatives' full names, or the name of your city in this letter. This letter will be shared with U.S. host families considering hosting you.

Dear American Family, first of all I want to thank you for participating in this great exchange program. My name is Velid, I'm 16 years old and I'm second class of high school. I live in Bosnia and Herzegovina with my family. I live in a house with my mother, father and older brother. My mother's name is Šakza, she has no job, we can say she is a housewife. My father's name is Teutik and he is a policeman and my brother's name is Ajdin and he is a student. We are a typical Bosnian family living in a village near town. As a family we like to go hiking in the mountains nearby or swimming at the lakes or rivers that are around our town. We like to do everything like a team because family is a sort of team where everyone loves everyone and where everyone helps everyone. Because of that household jobs are completed together, for example. I'm gonna vacuum the house, mother is going to wash the dishes, brother will empty the trash cans in and around the house and father, if there, will help with something that we can't do without him, like lifting something heavy. As a teenager that I am, I have many interests, like reading, martial arts, chess and stuff like that. But, my biggest interest is making new friendships, that will last for my whole life. When we are at friends, I have friends from all of Bosnia but also a lot of friends from my hometown. I have friends from all of Bosnia because I live in a dorm with them and we go to the same school. During the working days when I'm at school I'm hanging out with them, joking, drinking coffee, watching movies and all kinds of stuff that come with the dorm life. During the weekends, when I'm home, I spend my time with my older brother, who is 19, and our friends. We like to have a chat in some coffee or in the local park of our hometown. We also play football, basketball and some video games. My hometown is a small town with approximately 26 thousand people living there. It's a small town where everyone knows everyone.

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Velid

First name

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Maybe it is a small town but there live people with big hearts and strong minds. We have everything like big cities in Bosnia, from football and basketball clubs to super-markets and cultural centres. It's true that I'm from a small town, but I have big plans for my future. After completed high school I want to study IT or English language and pursue my dream of having, or working at, a IT company or being an English professor, so I can pass my knowledge on other young hopes that our society needs. Also, my dear host family, I would like you to know that I like animals and people so if you have a pet be ready to have him kidnaped by me ~~on~~ 7 days a week, if not it's okay because we will be spending a lot of time together listening to my Bosnian jokes. And after all I would like you to know that I'm participating in this program to make new lifelong friendships, to gain new experiences, to gain experiences that will make me a better person and to gain experiences that will help me teach my people more tolerancy to the USA and all the other races and religions living there, because it's a big responsibility to take and live with someone else's kid for 10 months. I would like to gain "power" that will help me break stereotypes in our community. Any you, my dear American family, are my key to that so I can't find a way to thank you ~~enough~~ enough.

Have a nice rest of the day,
see you in August.

- Velid :D