



You could bring a student like this into your home!

Meet Charlotte from Germany



Service Ref: 3881140
Gender: Female
Age (at arrival): 15 years
Program length: Year
Graduate: No
Religion:

GPA: Outstanding
Quartile: Q1(Top position)
ELTIS: 792

Charlotte is a mature and responsible student who can't wait to immerse herself in culture and high school spirit: attending football games, joining after school clubs and activities, and making new friends! Charlotte goes to a specialized language school and in addition to knowing English, she is learning Latin, French, and Spanish. She would like to go to college in a different country and study design. She draws/paints/listens to music and loves to be creative. Charlotte grew up playing outside with her brother and neighborhood friends and even babysits for the families that live by her.

Good to Know

Vegetarian, No dogs

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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 Charlotte and I'm 14 years old. I am from Germany and I live with my mom, dad and little brother, we also have two cats. My mom is a nurse and my dad is an industrial mechanic. We're really close and do a lot together. For 2020 we had a big holiday planned, flying to America and visiting some National parks but corona wouldn't let us. We read so much about it and watched so many YouTube videos and documentaries it really upset us. My parents are very interested in travelling and so am I.

I grew up playing outside a lot. Me, my brother and our friends would cycle around the neighbourhood or play in the woods. We are very good friends with our neighbours and they seem like family to me. Sometimes I watch our neighbours children and they enjoy playing with me. I am really good with kids. People trust me because I am responsible and respectful.

I attend a public school in the city and I'm in 9th grade. I really like going there. My school is a special one for languages, I learn English, Latin, French and Spanish. I'm still a beginner in French and Spanish but I definitely want to improve my language skills. In my class, we all get along very well and I'm usually good at making new friends because I am open-minded, kind and curious about new people.

After I finish school, I would love to go to college or uni in another country and study design. My dream is it to travel around the world and see as much as I can. In my eyes the most important thing in life is to do what makes you happy and for me it is seeing other cultures. My opportunity to go to the US for a year seems so unreal and I still cannot believe it. It is the first step for my dream to come true and I am so thankful. I get excited every time I think about it.

In my free time I draw and paint, I like everything creative. I'm not much of a sporty person but I know sports are important in America and I'm hoping to find something I like. I love music too. On Christmas, I got my own record player and whatever I'm doing there's music playing in the background. Since 2nd grade I also have another hobby, it's not very common. In my town, the voluntary fire department has a youth fire brigade and I'm part of it. They teach us about what to do in an emergency, first aid and things like that. I really like knowing that I'm not helpless in case of an emergency.

Problems and difficulties don't usually scare me, I keep a cool mind and I try to find solutions. The key to living your life to the fullest is confidence, I do what I am passionate about and it makes me happy. That's why I'm a positive and optimistic person in general.

I think about my exchange year a lot and I wonder what it will be like. Something I am looking forward to is the famous *high school spirit*, football games, after school activities, the interesting courses and making new friends. An exchange year is also supposedly good for character development. I have always been fascinated by other countries especially the US. Due to all the movies, TV-series and songs I watched and heard I feel like I know what to expect. Of course, I'm aware that life is not a movie but I want to compare reality with the stereotypes. I am sure it will be great to experience the contrast and the differences between our cultures. What I like about this specific programme is that my job is it to give something back, as a junior ambassador I get to be part of the cultural exchange between Germany and America.

I like that I'll be living in a host family because that way I can not only see what American family life looks like but I can also experience it and be part of it. I enjoy trying new things and I promise to help wherever I can and do my very best. Besides gaining new knowledge my own I also want to teach you, my host family about german recipes, traditions and customs. I am grateful for every piece of information learn and I want to thank you in advance for making my dream come true. I know that this will be a big change for you as well and you're probably just as excited as me. Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely Charlotte