



Connecting Lives, Sharing Cultures

Host a foreign exchange student with AFS!

	<p>Selma-16 from Denmark has been wanting to be an exchange student to the US since she was 10 years-old. She is a mature, open, adaptable young woman who enjoys spending time with her family. Selma is a strong student and gets outstanding grades. She is also an avid runner and has recently completed a half marathon. Once a week Selma picks up two young children and takes care of them until their parents return from work. She has been doing this for three years and enjoys being like an older sister to them. On the creative side, Selma enjoys crafting, baking and drawing. She can't wait to meet her host family.</p>
	<p>Roope-17 from Finland is happy, social, and well-organized. He also has a strong work ethic in all areas of his life. For example, through his own initiative he got a summer job last year. He also works hard at school because he knows he needs to do well now so that he can fulfill his dream of going to business school in Helsinki or Turku. Roope values spending time with friends and family, but he knows that family comes first because they are there to support you forever. He loves sports, has played floorball for ten years, exercises at the gym, and loves following the NHL. Go Tampa Bay Lightning!</p>
	<p>Alina-16 from Germany is the oldest of 4 siblings and is known in the family to be motivated, ambitious and helpful - counselor to her young siblings. Receiving the CBYX scholarship means the world to Alina and she knows it will open her to a world of new experiences. In addition to volleyball, Alina enjoys an activity called Sport Stacking, which she does competitively. She plays the trumpet in her school orchestra and at church. Alina loves science and intends to pursue a career in medicine. She is a member of a medical services team and does medical internships in order to get experience in the field.</p>
	<p>Varith-16 from Thailand looks forward to being hosted in the USA because he says the people are friendly and there is such a great mix of cultures. He hopes to live with a friendly family with children close to his own age. He considers himself to be very sporty; he plays volleyball, tennis, badminton and table tennis. He hopes to play American football and experience snow for the first time! His older brother works for a software company and Varith wants to be involved in the science of robotics. He lives in the center of Thailand close to a UNESCO site and close to his private international Christian school.</p>
	<p>Ahmed-16 from the West Bank is active, bright and easygoing. He enjoys expressing himself creativity through his writing. He also likes to read and one of his favorite books is 'The House on Mango Street'. When he is not busy studying, Ahmed likes to play basketball, listen to music and spend quality time with his friends. A well-rounded, respectful and sociable student, Ahmed has impressed his teachers with his overall character. He is excited to experience life in America and broaden his global perspective. He can't wait to be part of an American family and make new friends in his host community!</p>
	<p>Rossella-16 Italy has had a passion for basketball from an early age. The sport makes her feel alive and happy when she is playing. She is close to her family and adores her father who is a role model, teaching her to be caring and hard working. In school, Rossella's teachers praise her willingness to push herself to excel. She is open minded and joyful and relates well to teachers and peers alike. She is described as outgoing, friendly, polite, curious, sincere and sensitive. She is excited to share the year with her new American family.</p>

These students, and others like them, will be arriving August 2018 and they cannot wait to get the news of their American host family!

This family voluntarily provides their student with food, lodging, an open heart, and the opportunity to learn firsthand about American culture. Students have their own personal spending money, full health benefits, and the continual support of local AFS volunteers in the community.



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