

My dear family,

My name is Gabriel, I am a Portuguese boy with 16 years old and I live in a coastal small fishing town called Ericeira, situated 30 miles northwest of Lisbon, the Portugal's capital. I was born in lisboa in Lapa´s hospital in 9/11/95. Ericeira is world wide known for being the second world surf reserve (after Hawaii only).

I always lived in Ericeira. Ericeira is small tourist town very beautiful and nice. I am the oldest of three brothers, the others are Eduardo with fifteen years old and Lourenço the youngest with three years old.

My father Mario has forty nine years old. He is electronic engineer and owns a small renewable energy company specialized in photovoltaic systems.

My mother Filomena has forty years old, she is mechanical engineer and works in the town's water supplier company, she is now a bit crazy because she is afraid that something can happen to me in US.

I consider myself a normal teenager, calm, responsible and a little bit shy. I am thin boy, tall and black curly hair. I like to watch TV and see action movies. I love movies like "The Patriot" from Ronald Emmerich and "Slumdog Millionaire" from Danny Boyle. I also enjoy TV series like "How I met your mother", "Walking dead" and "Simpsons". Music is also an important part of my life, my favourite music style is rock and metal, some of my favourite bands are "Avenged Sevenfold", "System Of a Down", "Slipknot" and the famous "Metallica".

I love sport activities. I already tried a little bit of everything; as swimming, karate, rugby, soccer, ski, surf, body board and precision shooting. My days are spent between

home and school, and some days I make sport activities like swimming. At home I spend a lot of time playing with my little brother.

I also like open air activities like running, ride a bicycle and, especially in the summer when I go to the beach, to swimming and surfing.

My favourite type of food is essentially meat, namely barbecues, hamburgers and steaks but I eat almost everything.

I love to travel across the world because with that I can feel new experiences, see new cultures and meet new friends.

In last year, my family has made an amazing travel to America. We travelled by car along the East coast from Key West to New York. It was a totally different experience, I liked especially Key West because it is completely different from the standard American culture.

In the past I already travelled across Azores Islands, Brazil, Spain, Andorra, France, Monaco, Italy, Switzerland and Canary Islands.

In spite of have already been in USA, I have a special empathy for the American way of live and for me is a dream to spend one year studying in USA, living together with an American family and to feel is way of life.

Hope to meet you son, I'm shore that we will get along very well I'm really anxious to know how is going to be my new family!!!!

Gabriel