

Dear hosting family,

First of all, I'd like to thank you for reading this letter and at least considering on giving me the chance to be a part of your family. I'm a 16 year old boy from Portugal, with medium sized brown hair and hazel eyes. I'm not sure how tall I am in feet, but I think it's around 5'4 or 5'5 - I'm a short person. I live in a town, one hour south of the capital, in a small neighbourhood with my stepfather, my mother and my baby brother. I guess it's important to mention that I'm agnostic and don't really like organized religion, due to the way it works. I go to school at Escola Secundária de Bocage which is a middle/high school, and I am currently in the 11th grade in the area of Humanities. My grades are okay overall, ranging from 11 to 18 on a scale of 0 to 20.

It's here, however, that I've met some of my best friends: André, Ricardo, Joana and Inês. They're all in my class since last year and with them I've shared some moments that I will be hard to forget.

With them I talk about common things like music, concerts, protests, manifestations and other events that happen worldwide.

But at the same time, we can casually talk about video-games, movies, hypothetical situations for a variety of events and occasionally more meaningful things such as purposes for life, meditation, and other abstract topics that most could consider taboos.

In my free time, I used to take part in the school's softball team, until it was shut down earlier this school year for lack of members and I also went to the gym. Other than that, in school days, I normally just hang out with another of my best friends, Miguel,

and we just play video-games together or occasionally I do it alone. On weekends, however, I like to go fishing on the river which I practice as an actual sport in local, regional and national competitions. Other than that I also enjoy a lot of outdoor activities and sports such as camping, hiking, playing football, among others. Saturday nights, when the weather is good and I don't have tests on the following week, I normally play football - or should I say soccer - with some friends where I stay as the goalie.

Regarding the program: Well, I'll say it straight away that my main goal learning the American lifestyle. At the same time, I also want a change of airs. When it comes to the future, I'm planning on being a psychologist or something along those lines where I can get some human contact and be able to help people, emotionally. One of the things that make me feel better about myself is helping others and getting along with people. I'd also like to get a chance at a jump start for the future: getting to know people that have different lives, different points of view, different backgrounds, etc.

Hopefully my letter will let you know a little bite of the type of person I am,

With much love and care,

Guilherme