

Dear Host family, my name is Catarina and I'm seventeen years old. I'm from Portugal more exactly Lisbon.

My parents are always present in every moment and they care a lot about the school and how I am doing in it. They can also be very funny, especially when we are in vacations. My relation with them is good, every child got problems with their parents but they are usually for no important reason and we get over it quick.

My sister is an architect and she is very similar to my father in her personality. We get along very well and we are always trying to do something together like going to exhibitions or helping each other in whatever we need.

Another important person in my family is my grandmother, she is very sweet and kind. We see her every weekend and on Sundays she makes homemade bread, it's very delicious.

I live in a 7<sup>th</sup> floor building that's very well located, we have public transports going to the center of the city right in front of my building. In here almost everybody knows each other and that's very comfortable. In my house we don't have pets because it's a small apartment and my mother doesn't appreciate them.

About me I can say that I'm a very easy person to deal with, I'm not rude or bad behavior. I'm a simple person that just wants the best for everyone without getting into fights or whatever. I'm also very funny, always laughing, and I have a very good humor. In my school I'm studying arts and in the future I'd like to be a graphic designer. In my free time I spend some of it with my friends in a coffee and the other part or I'm studying or I'm working for a drawing

project. My favorite sport, if we can call it that, is snowboard, when I have the chance for it I'm always free to do it, I really love it.

My friends are just like me, simple persons who never argues. When we are together we chat a lot about any subject , we play cards, we change music perspectives, we go to exhibitions, we find some knew places in the city and we visit parts of the city that we've never been before together.

I applied to this program because this is a dream that I have since I was a little girl, I really like to speak English and I love the United States of America. Another reason is because I would love to work there in the future and I think that if I have some experience on studying in a foreign country, it would be much easier for me. Another reason is that in my course we need to have different points of view about what is art for the others and studying different cultures will help that to.

I hope we can get along very well. I look forward to meet the family that is going to receive me.

Catarina