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E-mail: info@ocean-intl.org Web: www.ocean-intl.org**STUDENT PROFILES: August 2026****Last Updated: 04/22/2026**

Volunteer host families are needed to host the following exchange students for the **2026–2027** school year or for just a few months as a welcome family. To become a host family or welcome family, you may start the process by using the following link to complete the online application: <https://www.ocean-intl.org/host-family-forms>.

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FEMALE STUDENTS FOR AUGUST 2026

AFIT02

Name: NATALIA**Gender: Female****Age upon Arrival in US: 16****Home Country: Italy****Family Background: Mother is a Controlling Specialist, Father is an IT Specialist, 1 Sister****Interests: Synchronized Swimming, table tennis, volleyball, cooking****Preferred Grade of Enrollment: 12th****English Oral Score: 708****ELTiS Score: 9 out of 10****Does the student agree to live with a single person who has no children at home: No****Allergies:****Special Dietary Practices/Health Restrictions: None****Program Length: Academic Year**

Good Fit For: A welcoming and active family who enjoys sports and spending time outdoors together.

Student Highlight: Natalia is an outgoing and positive student who loves sports, languages and learning about new cultures. With eight years of synchronized swimming and a passion for travel, she is excited to share Italian traditions with her host family.

Dear future host family, I'm very excited about writing this letter because it means that my new adventure is about to begin! My name is Natalia, I'm a 15-year-old girl from a city in southern Italy, right on the Adriatic coast. I'm currently attending a Scientific High School, and I really enjoy studying—especially science and physics, which are two of my favorite subjects. I would describe myself as a cheerful, positive, solar and outgoing person—I love meeting new people and discovering different lifestyles and cultures. I'm also very spontaneous and ambitious, and I always look for new opportunities to grow and learn. One of the things I'm most passionate about is learning new languages, because I believe that being able to communicate with people from different backgrounds is a beautiful way to connect and grow. That's another reason why I'm really excited about this experience! Another passion of mine is music—I love listening to it and discovering new artists but I especially listen to English, Spanish and Italian music. I come from a family of four: my mom, my dad, my 12-year-old sister, and me. I get along really well with my sister, and we often do a lot of activities together. When I'm at home I like to spend time with my mother and talk to her while making desserts. During this activity we feel very close and one of our specialties is tiramisu. With my father I usually go for walks or do sports. My mother is Slovak, so I've grown up bilingual, speaking both Italian and Slovak. As a family, we travel a lot, even to faraway destinations. My most recent trip was to the United States, and I absolutely loved it! That's why I'm even more excited to return and discover new places in the U.S. during my exchange. I can't wait to explore more of the country and live it from a different, more authentic perspective. For 8 years, I practiced synchronized swimming, a sport I truly loved for team spirit and because it combines 3 disciplines: swimming, dance and gym. During the last year I also started going to the gym with my mother and I like it a lot. During the summer, I usually spend time with my family and friends at a seaside village which is located in a very touristic area in fact fun events are very often organized and I love being outside, enjoying the sun and the sea. In winter, I go skiing, something I've been doing since I was little and truly enjoy the fresh air and the mountain landscape, I'm a bit nervous about leaving home, but I'm also really looking forward to this experience. I hope it will help me grow, improve my English, and discover new sides of myself. I can't wait to study new subjects and practice sports other than usual. I'm truly grateful for this opportunity and for your hospitality—I would love to bring a little piece of Italy into your home and share my culture with you. Thank you so much, and I can't wait to meet you! With love, Natalia **Following qualifications as a host family you may request the student's personal video.**



AFIT03

Name: GIORGIA
Gender: Female
Age upon Arrival in US: 16
Home Country: Italy
Family Background: Mother is a Nail Artist, Father is an export manager, 2 brothers
Interests: Swimming, gymnastics
Preferred Grade of Enrollment: 12th
English Oral Score: 744
ELTiS Score: 10 out of 10
Does the student agree to live with a single person who has no children at home: Yes
Allergies:
Special Dietary Practices/Health Restrictions: None
Program Length: Academic Year

Good Fit For: A friendly family who enjoys music, social activities, and supporting a student excited to make new friends.

Giorgia is an energetic and friendly student who enjoys swimming, music, and spending time with friends. She is excited to improve her English while sharing her Italian culture and enthusiasm for sports and music.

Hi, my name is Giorgia. I can't wait to start this experience, I'm very curious to find out what awaits me. If I had to describe myself, I would say: empathic, kind, cheerful and energetic. I love going out with my friends, I've known them since I was child, especially Letizia, my best friend since 2012. I love listening to music, I always have headphones on. I listen to all genres, but my favorite is pop. My favorite singer is Marco Mengoni. I've been to his concert three times; I love going to concerts. I've been swimming for three years; it is one of my biggest passions. When I won't think, I go there. I've never had a swimming competition; I would like to do it and compete in other sports. I've been a sporty girl since I was a child, I've tried a lot of sports. I usually watch soccer and Formula1 with my dad. I want to improve my English, and I would love to learn French. I love going to the beach, staying hours in the water and then playing beach volley. I love animals, and I have two little dogs. I hope that this experience could be unforgettable and I want to improve my English, be more responsible, build immediately a strong bond with my host family and my friends, hope that I will be able to return there and they will be able to come here in Italy. I want to give my best and share my traditions and my love. **Following qualifications as a host family you may request the student's personal video.**


ABGR01 PENDING

Name: CHIARA
Gender: Female
Age upon Arrival in US: 17
Home Country: Italy
Family Background: Father is a building contractor, Mother is a doctor, 2 sisters (ages 16 and 19)
Interests: Cooking, baking, traveling, learning languages, spending time with friends and family
Preferred Grade of Enrollment: 11th
English Oral Score:
ELTiS Score: 791
Does the student agree to live with a single person who has no children at home: Yes
Allergies: Mild allergies to dogs and cats (can live with pets, no medication required).
Special Dietary Practices/Health Restrictions: None
Program Length: Fall Semester (August–December)

Good Fit For: A welcoming family who enjoys spending time together, sharing meals, and learning about Italian culture and traditions.

Student Highlight: Chiara is a warm, curious student who loves learning about new cultures and sharing her Italian traditions. She enjoys cooking, traveling, and building meaningful friendships.

Good Fit For: A welcoming family who enjoys spending time together, sharing meals, and learning about Italian culture and traditions.

Dear future host family, My name is Chiara, I'm 16 years old and I live in a small town in Sicily. I live in a family of five people: my parents, Marcello and Gabriella, my older sister Marta and my twin Anna. I have a wonderful relationship with my family and I love spending time with them, not only with my parents and siblings but also with my cousins, aunts, and uncles. They really mean a lot to me. Another very important part of my life is my group of friends. I have a large group of friends and I have shared many great moments with them. Some of my closest friends understand me without even saying a word, and I am very grateful to have them in my life. Since I was little, my parents have always loved traveling and discovering new places, and they passed this passion on to me. Because of this, I am very excited about the idea of experiencing a completely different culture and learning about everyday life, traditions, and habits in another country. At school I enjoy scientific subjects like physics and science, but the subject I have always loved the most is English. I enjoy speaking English and expressing myself in another language, and I hope to improve my language skills even more during this experience. I believe that participating in this program will be an important step in my personal growth because I have never been away from my family and my daily routine for such a long time. I am very excited about learning more about the world and meeting new people. I also love cooking, especially traditional Italian dishes. One of my favorite foods is pasta, especially pasta carbonara. I would love to cook some Italian and Sicilian dishes for my host family and share my culture with them. Thank you very much for considering my application. I am really looking forward to learning about your culture, trying new foods, sharing stories, and creating wonderful memories together. Sincerely, Chiara **Following qualifications as a host family you may request the student's personal video.**

- **EAMG03**

Name: UMI
Gender: Female
Age upon Arrival in US: 15
Home Country: Japan J
Family Background: Lives with both parents; father is self-employed (owner), mother is a manager. She has two sisters (ages 16 and 12).
Interests: Cooking, baking, piano, photography, basketball, volleyball, drawing
Preferred Grade of Enrollment: 10th
English Oral Score:
ELTIS Score:
Does the student agree to live with a single person who has no children at home: Yes
Allergies: None
Special Dietary Practices/Health Restrictions: None
Program Length: Fall Semester (August–December)

Good Fit For: A welcoming and supportive family who enjoys sharing meals, encouraging participation in family life, and helping a motivated student experience American culture.

Student Highlight: Umi is a kind, bright, and outgoing student who loves cooking and often helps prepare meals for her family. She enjoys music and plays the piano, and she stays active through basketball and volleyball. She is eager to improve her English, experience American life, and become a positive and helpful member of her host family.

Dear Future Host Family, Hello from Japan! My name is Umi, and I am very excited about the opportunity to stay with you as an exchange student. Thank you so much for opening your home and your heart to me. I am 15 years old and live with my parents and my two sisters. I am the middle child, and I enjoy spending time with my family. One of my favorite hobbies is cooking, and I sometimes prepare dinner for my family. I especially enjoy baking and would love to share Japanese meals and treats with you during my stay. I also enjoy music and play the piano. In addition, I like staying active through sports such as basketball and volleyball, and I enjoy activities like photography and drawing. I am a little nervous about my English, but I am very eager to learn and experience your culture firsthand. I hope to improve my English, make many friends, and become more independent through this experience. I would love to share Japanese culture with you, including cooking traditional meals and sharing small things from my home. I hope to be more than just a guest and become a helpful member of your family. Please let me know if there are any house rules I should follow or anything I can help with. I can't wait to meet you and begin this wonderful experience together. Thank you very much for considering me. Sincerely, Umi **Following qualifications as a host family you may request the student's personal video.**


EAMG04

Name: Nandin-Erdene (Nandia)
Gender: Female
Age upon Arrival: 16
Home Country: Mongolia MN
Family Background: Her father is an engineer, and her mother is a doctor. She has two older siblings (ages 27 and 19)
Interests & Activities: Listening to music, movies (especially Stranger Things and 2000s films), video editing, volleyball, dance, skateboarding, ukulele
Preferred Grade Placement: 11th Grade
Language: Studied English for 5 years
Does the student agree to live with a single person who has no children at home: No
Health & Dietary Information: Severe allergies to dogs and cats – cannot be placed in a home with pets
No other allergies or dietary restrictions
Program Length: Academic Year (August–June)

Ideal Host Family

Nandia would do best in a warm, patient, and supportive family—ideally with children close to her age—who can help her feel comfortable as she adjusts. A pet-free home is required due to her allergies. A family that encourages inclusion, communication, and shared activities will help her thrive and grow in confidence.

Student Highlights

Nandia is a gentle, kind, and respectful student with a positive attitude. While she may be a bit shy at first, she becomes more open and friendly once she feels comfortable. She enjoys connecting with others, trying new things, and stepping outside her comfort zone. She is responsible, helpful, and eager to grow through this experience while building meaningful relationships.

Dear Future Host Family, Hello! My name is Nandin-Erdene, but you can call me Nandia. I am very excited about the opportunity to come to America and become part of your family. I am from Mongolia, and I am very interested in learning about your culture, traditions, and daily life. I enjoy listening to music, watching movies, and spending time with my family and friends. I especially like Stranger Things, 2000s movies, and cartoons like Adventure Time. I am a respectful and positive person, and I always try my best to help others. I can be a little introverted at first, but once I feel comfortable, I become more open and friendly. I look forward to meeting new people and building meaningful relationships. I also want to challenge myself by trying new things. I am ready to step out of my comfort zone, learn new skills, and experience a different way of life. I believe this journey will help me grow and become more independent. I am very excited to be part of your family, share my culture, and create great memories together. With sincere gratitude, Nandia **Following qualifications as a host family you may request the student's personal video.**


EAMG05

Name: Bolor-Erdene

Gender: Female

Age upon Arrival: 15

Home Country: Mongolia

Family Background: father is employed, mother is a stay-at-home parent. 1 younger brother

Interests & Activities: Badminton, volleyball, cooking, baking, guitar, DIY crafts, crocheting, photography, chess, technology, music

Preferred Grade Placement: 10th Grade

Language: Studied English for 4 years

Placement Requirements No pets (severe allergies to dogs and cats)

Does the student agree to live with a single person who has no children at home: No

Program Length: Academic Year (August–June)

Ideal Host Family

Bolor-Erdene would do best in a warm, patient, and engaging family—ideally with children around her age—who can help her feel comfortable as she adjusts. A family that enjoys conversation, shared activities, and cultural exchange will be a great match. A pet-free is needed.

Student Highlights

Bolor-Erdene is a thoughtful, kind, and creative student. While she may be quiet and a bit shy at first, she becomes warm, talkative, and engaging once she feels comfortable. She enjoys meaningful conversations, values relationships, and brings a calm, positive presence to her environment. She is responsible, respectful, and eager to learn, grow, and fully experience life in the U.S.

Dear Future Host Family, Hello, my name is Bolor-Erdene, which means “crystal treasure,” and I am very excited about the opportunity to come to America and become part of your family! I would describe myself as a bit introverted at first. I can be quiet when I meet new people, but once I feel comfortable, I become more open, talkative, and warm. I enjoy deep conversations and learning about different perspectives. Family is very important to me, and I always try to be respectful and responsible. Music plays a big role in my life. I love listening to music, especially artists like Billie Eilish, because it helps me relax and understand my feelings. I am also learning to play the guitar, which helps me feel calm and relieve stress. In my free time, I enjoy crocheting, doing DIY projects, reading, and spending quiet time being creative. Even though I enjoy calm activities, I am very curious about the world and excited to experience new things. I am really looking forward to experiencing American culture, traditions, and daily life. I would love to celebrate holidays like Halloween and Thanksgiving with you, and I would also enjoy sharing Mongolian traditions—like making a traditional headpiece or cooking Mongolian foods. I hope we can build a relationship based on trust and kindness. I may be quiet at first, but I truly look forward to becoming part of your family and creating meaningful memories together. Best wishes, Bolor-Erdene **Following qualifications as a host family you may request the student’s personal video.**

MALE STUDENTS FOR AUGUST 2026



LKSP01

Name: ENRIQUE MA
Gender: Male
Age upon Arrival in US: 15
Home Country: Spain
Family Background: Mother is an Administrator, Father is a Ramp Supervisor, 1 Sister
Interests: Martial Arts,
Preferred Grade of Enrollment: 11th
English Oral Score:
ELTiS Score:
Does the student agree to live with a single person who has no children at home: No
Allergies:
Special Dietary Practices/Health Restrictions: None
Program Length: Academic Year

Good Fit For: A family who enjoys staying active, spending time outdoors, and welcoming a sociable student who loves meeting new people.

Student Highlight: Enrique is a sociable and cheerful student who enjoys martial arts, outdoor activities, and spending time with friends and family. He is eager to experience American traditions while sharing Spanish culture and food with his host family.

My name is Enrique, I'm 15 years old and I live in Spain. I'm incredibly excited about the opportunity to spend a year in the United States as a J-1 exchange student. For me, this experience is not just about studying abroad, it's about discovering a new culture, building lifelong friendships, and growing as a person. I consider myself a very sociable and outgoing person. I love spending time with my friends and family, playing sports, being outdoors, and enjoying nature. I also have a deep love for animals and always find joy in being around them. I'm someone who laughs easily, enjoys the little things, and tries to make every moment count. One of the things I look forward to most is learning about American traditions and daily life. I'm eager to improve my English, make new friends, and become part of a new community. At the same time, I'd love to share my own culture—Spanish food, language, and customs—with you. I believe that this exchange is a two-way street, and I'm excited to contribute as much as I learn. I hope to become a positive and respectful member of your family, and I'm truly grateful for the chance to live this adventure. Thank you for opening your home and heart to students like me. Best regards, Enrique

Following qualifications as a host family you may request the student's personal video.



FSSP03 PENDING

Name: ENRIQUE DA
Gender: Male
Age upon Arrival in US: 17
Home Country: Spain
Family Background: Mother is an Engineer, Father is a Security Guard, 1 sister
Interests: Rock climbing, martial arts, boxing, hiking, soccer, photography, cooking
Preferred Grade of Enrollment: 12th
English Oral Score:
ELTiS Score: 800
Does the student agree to live with a single person who has no children at home: Yes
Allergies: None
Special Dietary Practices/Health Restrictions: None
Program Length: Academic Year

Good Fit For: A family that enjoys an active lifestyle, outdoor activities, and supports a motivated student interested in sports and new experiences.

Student Highlight: Enrique is an active and adventurous student who loves sports, photography, and exploring new experiences. He enjoys staying busy and making the most out of every day.

Dear host family,

My name is Enrique, or if you find it easier you can call me Henry. I just turned 17 and I'm from Spain. In this letter I will try my best to describe myself, my personality, hobbies, and interests so you can get to know me better. Currently I have a pretty busy life because I like to make the most out of my days. In the mornings I attend high school, and in the afternoons, I am taking a course to become a professional mountain guide. During my free time I practice rock climbing, no-gi jiu-jitsu, and boxing. I really enjoy sports and staying active, and I would love to experience high school sports in the United States, especially wrestling. Besides sports, I also enjoy analog photography. If we get the chance to talk, I would love to show you some of my photos because they represent a lot about my life and interests. I have visited the United States before as a tourist and I loved it. However, I believe that studying and living there like an American student is a unique opportunity that I cannot miss. Through this experience I hope to improve my English, live new experiences, and meet many people who could become lifelong friends. I believe I can contribute to your family's life as much as you will contribute to mine, and I am sure that if we have the chance to spend a whole year together, we will create many unforgettable memories. Greetings from Spain and warm regards, Enrique

Following qualifications as a host family you may request the student's personal video.



FSSP02

PENDING

Name: JUAN

Gender: Male

Age upon Arrival in US: 17

Home Country: es Spain

Family Background: Father is an entrepreneur, Mother is a pharmacist, 1 sister (19) and 2 younger brothers

Interests: Soccer, golf, running, sports, spending time with friends, trying new activities

Preferred Grade of Enrollment: 12th

English Oral Score:

ELTiS Score: 710

Does the student agree to live with a single person who has no children at home: No

Allergies: Pollen

Special Dietary Practices/Health Restrictions: None

Program Length: Academic Year

Good Fit For: An active and social family who enjoys sports, spending time together, and including a friendly student in daily activities.

Student Highlight: Juan is a cheerful and energetic student who loves sports and staying active. He enjoys meeting new people, trying new activities, and bringing a positive attitude to everything he does.

Dear host family, My name is Juan, and I am very happy and excited to join this exchange program. I really like sports and staying active. I enjoy playing football, running, and many other sports. I also like trying new things, doing different activities, and spending time with people. I am a happy and cheerful person. I love to laugh, have fun, and make people smile. I enjoy sharing good moments with others and being positive every day. I want to go to the United States to grow as a person and become more independent. I also want to learn about a new culture, meet new people, and improve my English. I think this experience will help me understand how people live in other countries and see the world in a different way. I would like to share my Spanish culture with you. I can talk about festivals, music, and football, and show photos or videos of Spain. I also hope that you can teach me about your country, your culture, and your traditions. I want to learn how life is in the United States, and I am excited to try new foods, see new places, and participate in daily life with your family. Sincerely, Juan **Following qualifications as a host family you may request the student's personal video.**



EAMG02

Name: DULGUUNMURUN

Gender: Male

Age upon Arrival in US: 15

Home Country: MN Mongolia

Family Background: Father is an Engineer, 1 brother and 1 sister

Interests: Basketball, volleyball, piano, music, language learning

Preferred Grade of Enrollment: 10th English Oral Score:

ELTiS Score: 705

Does the student agree to live with a single person who has no children at home: Yes Allergies: None

Special Dietary Practices/Health Restrictions: None (Student is afraid of cats)

Program Length: Academic Year

Good Fit For: A supportive family that enjoys sports, music, and helping a motivated student improve his English and experience American culture.

Student Highlight: Dulguunmurun is a thoughtful and motivated student who enjoys music and sports. His dedication to piano practice and teamwork in basketball and volleyball shows his discipline and positive attitude.

Dear future host family, one of my main talents is playing the piano. Music has been an important part of my life for many years, and regular practice has taught me valuable skills such as time management, discipline, and perseverance. Learning complex pieces requires patience and dedication, and this experience has helped me stay committed to my goals both in and outside of music. I am also passionate about sports, especially basketball and volleyball. Being part of a team has taught me the importance of teamwork, communication, and responsibility. Through these sports, I learned how to support my teammates, handle pressure in competitive situations, and accept mistakes as opportunities to improve. Another area that is very important to me is learning English. Language learning allows me to connect with people from different cultures and gain new perspectives. I enjoy improving my communication skills and challenging myself to express my thoughts more clearly. Joining a student exchange program and living with a host family would be an incredible opportunity for me to practice English in real-life situations, learn about your culture, and share my own traditions. I am eager to grow as a person, build meaningful connections, and gain experiences that will prepare me for my future. Sincerely, Dulguunmurun



FRDL01 PENDING

Name: LANDRY

Gender: Male

Age upon Arrival in US: 14

Home Country: FR France

Family Background: Mother and Father are both teachers, 3 younger brothers

Interests: Martial arts, swimming, hiking, cycling, sports, traveling, animals

Preferred Grade of Enrollment: 10th English Oral Score:

ELTiS Score:

Does the student agree to live with a single person who has no children at home: No Allergies: None

Special Dietary Practices/Health Restrictions: None

Program Length: Academic Year

Good Fit For: An active family who enjoys outdoor activities, sports, and sharing everyday family life with a curious and motivated student and a family with animals.

Student Highlight: Landry is an energetic and friendly student who loves sports, traveling, and discovering new cultures. Having lived in different places and traveled widely, he adapts easily to new environments and enjoys meeting new people.

Favorite Things: Sports, hiking, swimming, animals, traveling, meeting new people

What I Can Share: French culture, traditions, and food, as well as stories about life on Reunion Island and the places I have traveled.

Dear future host family, My name is Landry and I am a French student currently living on Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean with my family and my three brothers. I am energetic and almost always smiling. Being the oldest brother makes me protective and responsible, but I also enjoy having fun and spending time with others. I am a very sociable person and enjoy talking with people and discovering new things. I love sports and physical activities such as martial arts, swimming, hiking, and cycling. I also enjoy manual activities and learning new skills. I especially love animals and hope one day to become a veterinarian. I have traveled to many places around the world with my family, so I am used to adapting to new schools, cultures, and environments. Because of this, I feel comfortable meeting new people and learning about different ways of life. When I was younger, I spent a year in Kingston, New Jersey with my family. I have wonderful memories of that experience and of the American people and landscapes. This is one of the reasons why I would love to return to the United States to live a true American school year. During my exchange year, I hope to improve my English, discover new places, and build a trusting relationship with my host family. I would love to share everyday moments together just like I do with my own family. I am very motivated and excited about the opportunity to spend a school year in the United States, discovering new people, traditions, and experiences. Sincerely, Landry **Following qualifications as a host family you may request the student's personal video.**