

District: 1810 -----

Applicant Name: Inga [redacted] -----



Jugenddienst  
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Long Term Exchange Programm  
Section B: Letters and Photos

Student's Letter

**Dear Host Rotary Club! Dear Host family!**

Dear Rotary club and dear host family,

My name is Inga [redacted], I am 15 years old and I'm living with my parents and my 16 year old brother Eryk (who is doing an exchange in the US right now) in [redacted], Germany. [redacted] is a town in the region of North-Rhine Westphalia with a population of around 75.000 of many different origins and cultures. It's located between Cologne and Bonn.

I'm currently a 10th grade student at the local high school. School starts at 8:20 am every morning. I take the bike to get there which takes me only about 5-10 minutes. This semester I am taking the following courses: English, Math, Physics, German, French, Arts, History, Educational Science, Philosophy, Chemistry, Biology and PE (in total 36 hours a week). A school day ends either at 1.30 pm or 4 pm.

We are living in a house with four bedrooms and three bathrooms. I have my own room where I also do my studies.

In my free time I like to read a book or draw something. I play tennis and recently started with volleyball. I also love baking, gardening and writing. Furthermore I really like listening to music and I also play piano and ukulele. One of my favorite hobbies is photography. I take photos a lot when we are travelling, which both are my favorite things. That is the reason why I want to go to a country as far away from home as I can. My life long dream is to travel to every country in the world.

I am not religious but I respect people that are.

I visited some European countries during family vacations: Spain, Italy, France, Czech Republic and of course Poland because my mother's family lives there. With my school, I did short trips to Austria and France (Paris and Strasbourg). I also did a one week long school exchange to France (Besancon).

I'm very picky with meat and I don't like cooked potatoes. I don't like when people talk about things they don't know anything about or when they complain all the time but can't do it any better.

It is always difficult to think of strong or weak characteristics of oneself but a lot of people tell me that I have a lot of patience and I'm ambitious. As for the weak ones - I quickly get annoyed.

I want to finish my school education with good grades, because this will open-up many possibilities. I do not know yet what I would like to do exactly, but I have a few ideas: becoming a medical doctor, opening a cake shop, and becoming an architect...

My main goals are to become friends with people from other countries and to keep contact to the host family and to friends after the exchange. If I will be in a country in which I don't know the language I'm happy to learn it and to improve my language skills. I would be happy if I would be able to bring cultures and people together and to inspire people I know to do an exchange.

I'm already excited and am looking forward to meeting you,

Inga