

Dear Host Family,  
Jeg er **Giacomo**, a 16-year-old boy living in Northern Italy.

I'm really looking forward to meet you, as you are ready to open the doors of your home to a different culture (which it's not something that everyone would like to do!).

I would **describe myself** as a friendly and helpful person because in times of need I am always there for my friends and my family. Also, I'd say I'm a nice person, outgoing and curious, always interested in learning new things. In fact, I like to venture into new challenges that I can test myself on, like this one!

I live in a **family** of four people: me, my older brother and my parents.

I have a good relationship with all of them, although in some aspects me and my brother are very different as regards character.

As far as my parents are concerned, I am more similar to my mother, who has a very extroverted and warm character, quite different from my father's, whose attitude is definitely closer to my brother's, even in work accuracy.

They trust me, they think I'm mature enough to take care of myself, and they support me in my choices (and that's very important for me).

With them I talk about my future and my goals, because they understand me, they give me advices and, in case our ideas do not get along, we discuss it peacefully.

I have a lot of **hobbies**!

For example, I am very interested in entrepreneurship, and I'd love to become a person who solves a problem to make other people's lives easier.

I'm currently part of a non-profit organization in which we allow young people from 14 to 18 years old to learn more about themselves through a program of 3 months, in which they meet professionals from various fields and finally go to do an internship in a startup, company or NGO. Oh, I almost forgot, it's all free :)

I also really enjoy learning languages.

At the moment I only speak four (English, French, German and Italian), but I want to become a polyglot before my 25th birthday.

Going to Denmark it will be the perfect opportunity to learn a new, difficult but fascinating language. This is one of the many reasons why I chose to become an exchange student, learning new languages and getting to know new cultures.

Furthermore, I decided to do it in Denmark because of its famous school system and because of the friendliness and politeness that is said to characterize Danish people.

When I have **free time**, in the afternoon or in the evening I like to hang out with my friends or play some **board games** or sport with them, such as **tennis**, just for fun!.

I have a wonderful relationship with them as I have known them for many years and now we are like a small family.

We have had many good moments together and a lot of experiences and adventures. For example, last summer we went on holiday together and we all spent four days in a seaside town. During the week in the afternoon I usually go for a walk with them, do homework together or study for a test. On the weekend we prefer to go out to eat pizza, otherwise we go to a bigger city close to my town and spend our day there, going shopping and visiting the town.

Although I engage in many extracurricular projects, I really enjoy **school**.

I find it interesting, full of people to meet, with ideas, thoughts and projects that maybe are still being created or that have just been developed.

It is a place that helps me to maintain and strengthen the relationship with the people of my age, that keeps me busy and committed and that teaches directly and indirectly a lot of useful information, even not strictly related to the school world.

Other than that, I must admit that it is a place where I also have a lot of fun with my friends. In Italy, I attend a high school focused mainly on the study of foreign languages. However, I also like other subjects, such as Latin, the language from which Italian derives, and History which made me understand how necessary it is, today more than ever, to have an open mind towards whatever or whoever is different.

During my stay in Denmark, I am ready to share special moments with my new family and friends, to grow as a person, to improve and widen my perception of reality and to start again looking at the world around me ready to discover new things!!

Vi håber at se dig snart!

Giacomo