Dear Host Family,

I would like to start by introducing myself, my name is Michael. I would also like to say thank you for looking into me. I believe we can both create a great bond. I am currently 15 years old; I will be 16 years old when I arrive overseas. I live with my mom and my stepdad. I have an older brother that recently graduated university and moved out of state to begin his career. I am a sophomore in high school, I think that is year eleven for European countries if I'm not mistaken.

I am looking forward to meeting you and staying with you guys throughout the school year. I would really like to meet you and experience your language and culture through food and other experiences. I would also like to see the landscape. The pictures I have seen are very beautiful with the lakes. The language would also be great to learn as I am currently learning Spanish and want to be fluent in more than one language.
I look forward to getting my driver’s license and driving a manual transmission Jeep this summer until I leave for Europe. I enjoy driving very much as it helps me forget about anything stressful, I may have to do when I get to where I need to be, and I just find it fun to drive.

I have played hockey since I was 6 years old and would like to continue to play while I am staying with you if possible. I am hopeful that hockey is something you enjoy as much as I do, or that you are open to learning about the sport if you are not familiar with it. My family has been very big into hockey, and it isn't something I want to give up. I wish to go as far as I can with hockey. Hockey has been a big stress reliever and creates a safe space for me.

I have four dogs: a Shepherd mix, a Siberian Husky, a Doberman mix, and a Rottweiler. I have always had a dog; I believe they are great companions when you want to be alone but still need support and companionship. All my dogs have been rescued and I care a lot about them being safe and happy. I love animals very much.

I am looking forward to writing every day in a journal about the experiences I have during my stay. I get along with almost anyone I meet and enjoy making new friends. I love to be out of the house with friends, whether it is just hanging out or doing something fun outdoors, I love to stay busy.

I have played most of the popular American sports and have always been big on sports. I have played soccer, basketball, baseball, lacrosse, fencing, football (American), and of course, hockey. Most recently I have played on my high school hockey team. I also have a strong passion for snowboarding. I started around two years ago and have only been able to go about fourteen times but would love the opportunity to go with you. I really enjoy snowboarding and being outdoors. During summer months I enjoy swimming, water skiing, wake boarding, and tubing.

I am a thoughtful, kind, trustworthy, adventurous young man and I look forward to meeting my host family and sharing some of the experiences I have had and learning new things. I am excited about the new experiences that this opportunity will bring! I hope to learn about each other’s interests and create a true bond together.

Thank you for giving me a chance to stay with you. I think it will truly benefit both of us to learn about each other’s culture and further educate each other in my stay with you.

Sincerely, Michael