

Hej! Jeg hedder Kiera.

Tak fordi du meldte dig frivilligt til at være vært og betragtede mig som et medlem af din familie.

I wish to spend a year in Denmark in order to see what life and education in European countries are like, as well as determine if I would like to live in Europe when I am an adult. Living in Denmark would not only allow me to experience a drastically different culture to what I am used to, but also allow me to learn a new language. From my experiences living in the American Midwest, as well as visiting many different regions of the US, I am sure that I will enjoy both the climate and culture of Denmark. Where I live, we have very cold, dry winters, as well as incredibly hot, humid summers. Comparatively, Denmark is much less extreme, which would be a preferable environment to my own.

Jeg er fjorten år gammel, men jeg bliver femten om foråret. I live in a single-family home in the suburbs of a fairly large city in the midwestern United States. My house lies on an approximately 2 hectare plot of forested land, and I have an older sister, a cat, and a dog. For around 7 years, starting around age 7, I was a member of the rock-climbing team at the nearby indoor climbing gym. Climbing is a great sport and I really enjoy it. Recently, I have been growing my hair out from being very short, and have been dyeing it green since the summer of 2022.

In school, I enjoy science and math-focused classes. I am currently taking advanced classes, including Honors Biology, Honors United States History, and Honors Geometry. My

favorite class that I am taking now is Introduction to Engineering and Design. I hope to go into a career path related to engineering, probably aeronautical or aerospace engineering.

Some of my favorite activities are reading fantasy and sci-fi novels, watching movies, and playing video games. I enjoy stories that explore the personalities of the characters, as well as the way that the worlds are set up. This is especially prevalent in sci-fi and fantasy, where the stories I read and watch explore how societies grow around new technology, whether it be magic systems or advanced machinery.

Other activities I do in my free time are art and music centered. Since joining my school's knitting and crochet club, I have started learning to knit. I often fold small origami paper cranes, which led to my friends at school nicknaming me 'Crane'. I enjoy spending time in my school's library, and I am a member of the event-organizing group, where we coordinate themed book clubs, as well as the occasional author visit. For the past few years, I have played the alto saxophone in my school's band.

A few years ago, my family spent two weeks in Germany during the summer. Though I was quite young during the trip, I remember my feeling of awe at the vast span of history contained within European architecture, stories, and museums. The layout of the German towns that we visited on our trip sharply contrasted that of my home area. The German towns were laid out in such a way that walking or biking between almost any two locations was both possible and convenient. From what I have seen, most, if not all, parts of Denmark are bikeable, so I am definitely eager to experience that during my time in the country. In my area, it is incredibly

difficult to walk or bike to your destination, both because of a limited number of walkways, as well as the sprawling nature of the suburbs.

I most look forward to discovering the differences between American and Danish life. Jeg ved at mange europæere taler godt engelsk, med jeg vill gerne at lære Dansk mens jeg er i Danmark. The experience I will gain during this exchange will be carried with me for the rest of my life, and I wish to make it the best year possible. Thank you for considering letting me experience your part of the world!

Sincerely,

Kiera