



YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING
Intercultural Exchange Programs



Ready for a life changing experience? This is a chance to share your story, your traditions, and your customs while learning about others. When you open your home and heart to a YFU international exchange student, you'll develop a fresh perspective, make memories and gain a new family member for life. Apply online or call us to learn more and our dedicated staff and volunteers will be there to help guide you every step of the way.

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Pimchanok

15 year Female from Thailand
Student #: 2016-235-003-0063

Is your family easy-going and humorous? Then Pimchanok (nickname Proud), a 15-year-old Thai girl, may be the student for you! Teachers and friends describe her as funny, friendly, and creative. Proud likes biking with her family on weekends and snorkeling during vacations on the Thai islands. She goes to the temple with her Buddhist mother and church with her Christian father so will adjust easily to any church her host family may attend. Other favorite activities include swimming, badminton ...

Anna

15 year Female from Germany
Student #: 2016-149-003-0026

Fifteen year old German student, Anna Sophia says family and friends are extremely important to her. She is close to her parents and three older sisters and they enjoy a variety of activities together - playing games, sightseeing, cooking, going movies or theater, and enjoying each other's company. She shares "we are all laughing together and talking about different things." When meeting up with friends, you might find Anna Sophia doing activities like bicycling, badminton, swimming, and table ...

Jiayue

16 year Female from China
Student #: 2016-128-003-0101

Jiayue or "Janny" is an outgoing, friendly 16 year old girl from China. In school, she is on the swimming team, as well as the destination/imagination association - a group focused on developing thinking and team cooperation. Janny plays the piano and the ocarina, loves animals and outdoor activities. Also interested in social services, Janny teaches English to the elderly and helps with clean up projects in the community. She and her parents are close and they particularly enjoy traveling. ...

Mads

16 year Male from Denmark
Student #: 2016-137-003-0026

His Danish friends find Mads (16) funny and clever. A sociable young man, his friends and family are both very important to him, and he is with one or the other most of the time. An ambivert, he is quiet at first but opens up quickly and is willing to listen to and share ideas and opinions. As music is important to Mads, he is involved with it or homework during most of his spare timenot that he has much of it. Listening to musical artists inspires him to try creating his own; he plays the ...

TYPICAL YFU STUDENTS ARE

- from one of 70 countries
- proficient speakers of English
- eager to learn about your family
- medically insured and have their own spending money
- able to share a room with another host sibling
- sure to become an integral part of your family

YFU PROVIDES

- Various orientations throughout the exchange year
- Local support volunteers
- 24-hour emergency support

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Pakapon

14 year Male from Thailand

Student #: 2016-235-003-0019

Fifteen year old Pun, as Pakapon is known, is easy-going, sincere, open and talkative. With a variety of recreational interests, Pun enjoys playing badminton, soccer, basketball plus going swimming and biking. He appreciates the fresh air and sun for his health and relaxation. He is in a math science program in his high school with the eventual goal of becoming a radiologist. To balance out the intensity of his studies, Pun likes to watch movies, read, and assemble models. He always has a sense ...

Antonia

15 year Female from Germany

Student #: 2016-149-003-0030

Meet Antonia (16 in summer) from Germany who is thrilled for this opportunity and thanks you for welcoming her into your family. She is a self-confident and cheerful teen, who is open to new things. Antonia's greatest passion is horses and, besides riding, she enjoys helping in a program where handicapped children ride horses. Unsure of a career path, she plans to do something that will involve her language skills. Of her family, she writes, "It is good living together. We have much fun and ...

Yang

14 year Male from China

Student #: 2016-128-003-0102

Introducing himself as "your Chinese son, Lucas (his English nickname), almost 15 year old Yang from China is a budding scientist who also would love to give a piano concert some day! Yang describes himself as a little reserved at first, but out-going, kind and helpful once you get to know him. He is an excellent student who enjoys physics and chemistry, loves to visit science and technology museums, and hopes to become a scientist someday. But Yang isn't just a scholar - he loves to play the pi ...

Yifan

15 year Female from China

Student #: 2016-128-003-0103

Yifan from China (whose English name is Evelyn), is almost 16, and has many diverse interests...music, sports, even astronomy! Yifan plays both the guitar and piano, and loves to listen to all kinds of music. She enjoys playing baseball and swimming, both just for fun, and likes to be active and try new activities. At school, she has participated in many debate competitions, and especially enjoys physics and astronomy (and is a member of the astronomy club). Yifan has a close relationship with h ...

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