



Student Information & Letters

Student ID#: BR109 (To be assigned by ARISE's main office)

Student's FIRST (GIVEN) Name: NATHAN

Gender:

How old will you be when you arrive in the U.S.? 16

Please choose your home country from the list below. Brazil

What is your preferred grade of enrollment?

ARISE cannot guarantee your enrollment in the grade of your choice. This decision is at the sole discretion of the school.

Program Length:

Do you have any brothers and/or sisters?

Please list the number of siblings and their ages.

	How Many?	Ages?
Brothers		
Sisters	1	4 yrs old

Please describe your relationship with your sibling(s)?

I have a good relationship with my sister. We have fun together everyday, I take care of her so much, mainly when my parents need to go out and I baby sit her.

Do you have a religious affiliation?

Please list your religious affiliation below. Christian - First Baptist Church

How often do you participate in religious activities?

Twice a week

Do you have any professional/career goals?

Yes

If yes, please explain.

I want to be a Doctor, specializing in plastic surgery.

Have you ever participated in a student exchange program before?

No

SPORTING/ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES: Please select any sporting activities in which you participate by choosing how often you participate in this activity from the dropdown list.

Dance/Other

Seldom (A Few Times a Year)

Martial Arts

Often (Once or Twice a Week)

Soccer

Often (Once or Twice a Week)

Swimming

Seldom (A Few Times a Year)

Table Tennis/Ping Pong

Often (Once or Twice a Week)

Aerobics

Very Often (Almost Daily)

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Please select any of the following activities in which you participate by choosing how often you participate in this activity from the dropdown list.

Computers/Technology

Very Often (Almost Daily)

Cooking

Occasionally (Once or Twice a Month)

Photography

Very Often (Almost Daily)

Singing/Choir

Occasionally (Once or Twice a Month)

Video Games

Very Often (Almost Daily)

Please list some activities that you would like to participate in during your exchange program? (i.e., school clubs, sports, extracurricular activities, etc.)

I would like to participate of a club of soccer, wrestling or kickboxing.

Do you play a musical instrument?	Yes
Which instrument(s) do you play?	Guitar
How often do you play this/these instrument(s)?	occasionally.
Do you have any pets at home?	Yes
How many, and what type of pets do you have (i.e., cats, dogs, birds, etc.)? Do you help take care of them?	I have 4 dogs, 3 PUGs and 1 cur.
Can you live with a host family that has dogs in the home?	Yes
Can you live with a host family that has cats in the home?	Yes
Do you have any other allergies (food, pollen, medications, etc.)?	Yes
Please describe.	Sea Foods, Shrimp.
Please note that any allergies MUST be noted by your doctor on the Student Health Record.	
Do you have any special dietary practices or needs? For example, vegetarian, gluten-free, no pork, etc.	No
What is your favorite food?	Lasagna
What is your least favorite food?	okra, watercress and cauliflower.
Can you adjust to a home where one or more members of your host family smokes?	Only if they smoke outdoors
Are you willing to be placed in a single parent home where there are no other host siblings? (Please note that a female student will NOT be placed in the home of a single man.)	No
How long have you been studying English?	6 years.

Student Questionnaire

1) Please provide at least 3 reasons why you wish to become an exchange student in the United States?

I want to become an exchange student in the United States because I believe this experience represents a unique opportunity for personal, academic, and cultural development. Studying at a public American high school and living with a volunteer host family will allow me to grow in several areas that are important for my future.

1.Improving my English:

Living daily with native speakers and participating in a school routine conducted entirely in English is the most effective way to achieve true fluency. Through this experience, I hope to strengthen my communication skills, expand my vocabulary, and better prepare myself for future academic and professional opportunities.

2.Building lifelong friendships:

The American school environment is very diverse and welcoming. By integrating into the local community, I aim to build meaningful friendships with classmates from different backgrounds. These relationships will have a positive impact on my personal life and may continue even after the exchange program ends.

3.Learning more about American culture and history:

Living with a volunteer host family will allow me to experience the routines, customs, and values of American society in an authentic way. I will also be exposed to the history, traditions, and educational system of the United States, broadening my worldview and deepening my understanding of other realities.

4.Sharing information about Brazil, Paraguay, and their cultures:

I want to take advantage of this opportunity not only to learn, but also to share. I intend to present to the school and to my host family important aspects of Brazilian and Paraguayan culture—such as traditions, customs, typical foods, and history. I believe this exchange enriches the experience for everyone and promotes respect for and appreciation of diversity.

2) Please describe something you are passionate about (a particular sport or activity, pets, cooking/baking, etc.).

I am passionate on fighting, in my opinion it is the best sport ever. Fight is something that eases the mind. On the other hand you learn how to protect yourself.

I also enjoy playing soccer. Although I am not a Neymar, I do have my own skills on the field. I participate in matches with my friends and also practice this activity at school.

3) Please describe your relationship with your natural parents/legal guardians.

I place great importance on relationships, as I believe they are the foundation of everything. I have a very good relationship with my biological parents, who have always been very present in my life, guiding me, correcting me, and teaching me the right path.

Although my parents are divorced, I have never distanced myself from my father. We have always been together throughout my development. I live with my mother, and on most days I spend the late afternoons and evenings with my father.

From my parents, I learned important values such as gratitude, humility of heart, and the ability to put myself in another person's place.

My stepfather and stepmother have always supported me and helped my parents with my upbringing. I have an excellent relationship with them and am deeply grateful for everything they have done, are doing, and continue to

do for me.

We live in harmony in both of my homes, and I am grateful to God for providing me with this positive coexistence and life experience.

4) How do you hope to share your culture with your American host family? Why should an American host family choose to host you, and how will they benefit from this experience? Do you believe that you can build a long-lasting friendship with your future host family and American friends? Please describe what you will do to achieve this goal.

I hope to share my experiences by showing my host family what life is like in Brazil, how we go about our daily lives, and what it is like to live in a border city. I also hope to introduce them to Brazilian and Paraguayan music, including the rhythms, customs, cuisine, and what we enjoy doing on weekends and during vacations.

I believe I should be chosen because I will be able to share all of this, as well as many positive aspects of my country. I believe that through my exchange program, they will be able to learn more about the beauty of Brazil, including its fauna and flora.

Since I placed in my heart the desire to participate in an exchange program, I have prayed to God to grant me a trustworthy host family and friends for a lifetime. I already imagine myself being welcomed and loved, building lasting bonds that will endure throughout my life.

With God's guidance, I wish to keep an open heart and dedicate myself fully to adapting as much as possible to my host family. At school, I will make every effort and seek to make friends who can contribute to my personal and professional growth. I also hope to be helpful in the family's daily routine, demonstrating my gratitude for the opportunity to be chosen as a member of the family.

5) Please describe your personality below. Are you adaptable, friendly, outgoing, etc.?

I consider myself a friendly person and I am not shy about making new friends. I am always willing to have new experiences. I am highly adaptable to the environment in which I am placed, outgoing yet at the same time reserved. I know how to receive instructions and follow them without difficulty. I am obedient to my parents and respectful toward my family members, teachers, and educators in general.

I am calm, tolerant, respectful, and attentive in my relationships, and deeply grateful for everything that is provided to me.

6) If you are placed in a host family with TEENAGE HOST SIBLINGS, how do you plan to build a positive relationship with them?

I aim to demonstrate that I am joining the family as a positive contribution, learning from them about household matters, what they enjoy eating and doing for leisure, and their daily routines, always seeking guidance and sharing how these activities are done in Brazil.

I also wish to learn the sports they practice, keeping an open heart and welcoming them as new brothers and sisters.

7) If you are placed in a host family with YOUNG CHILDREN, how do you plan build a positive relationship with them?

I have a younger sister who is four years old, with whom I play, have fun, and am always willing to care for. Therefore, if there are younger sisters or brothers in the host family, it would not be a problem but rather an enjoyable experience, as I could even teach them how to speak Portuguese.

8) As you know, many people from around the world face a variety of challenges each day. For example, some do not have access to clean water, others do not have food to eat, others might be facing a chronic illness, etc. If you could solve one problem in the world, what would it be and why?

I cannot fix the world, but I can do my part by conserving water; avoiding the waste of food and electricity; and seeking ways to simplify everyday tasks. Preserving the environment through recycling, practicing selective waste collection, and preventing burnings are some of the actions I consider important and that can contribute to a better world.

STUDENT LETTER:

Dear Host Family,

My name is Nathan, and I am writing this letter with great enthusiasm and gratitude, hoping to introduce myself to you and share a little about who I am, my values, my interests, and my expectations regarding the exchange program. Becoming an exchange student in the United States represents a unique opportunity for personal, academic, and cultural growth, and it would be an honor to experience this journey as a member of your family.

One of my main motivations for participating in this program is the opportunity to improve my English. I believe that living daily with native speakers, sharing family routines, and attending an American public high school will be the most effective way to achieve fluency. I hope to strengthen my communication skills, expand my vocabulary, and gain confidence in expressing myself. These skills will be essential for my future academic path and professional life.

Another important reason for my interest in the exchange program is the opportunity to build lifelong friendships. I believe that relationships are the foundation of everything. The American school environment is diverse and welcoming, and I am excited about the possibility of making friends from different backgrounds. I am certain that these connections will have a positive impact on my life and may last long after the program comes to an end.

Living with a host family is, for me, the most meaningful part of this experience. It offers the opportunity to truly learn about American culture, values, and traditions in an authentic way. By sharing daily routines, family moments, and celebrations, I hope to gain a deeper understanding of American society, its history, and its way of life. At the same time, I would love to share aspects of my own culture with you. I come from a border region, which allows me to experience different cultures. I enjoy sharing traditions, customs, music, rhythms, cuisine, and stories about life in my country, and I believe this cultural exchange enriches everyone involved.

Regarding my personal interests, I am passionate about combat sports. In my opinion, they are among the best sports because they help calm the mind, teach discipline, and develop self-control, while also providing important self-defense skills. I also enjoy playing soccer. Although I am not a professional player, I have my own abilities on the field. I play regularly with my friends and practice this sport at school, and I truly enjoy teamwork and friendly competition.

Family plays a central role in my life. I have an excellent relationship with my biological parents, who have always been present, guiding me, teaching me values, and helping me follow the right path. Although my parents are divorced, I have never distanced myself from my father. I live with my mother, and on most days I spend the late afternoons and evenings with my father. From them, I learned gratitude, humility, respect, and the importance of putting myself in another person's place. My stepfather and stepmother have also played an important role in my upbringing, and I am deeply grateful for their support. We live in harmony in both households, and I thank God for providing me with such positive family experiences.

I consider myself a friendly and open-minded person. I am not afraid of making new friends and am always willing to try new things. I adapt easily to new environments and am outgoing, yet respectful and balanced. I know how to receive instructions and follow them responsibly. I am calm, tolerant, respectful, and very careful in my relationships.

I also have a younger sister who is four years old, whom I love very much. I enjoy playing with her and taking care of her. Therefore, if your family has young children, it would be a very rewarding experience for me, and I would be happy to help, including teaching them a few words in Portuguese.

Finally, I strive to do my part to contribute to a better world. I believe in conserving water, avoiding the waste of food and electricity, recycling, practicing selective waste collection, and protecting the environment. In my opinion, small actions can make a significant difference.

I hope to join your family not merely as a guest, but as someone willing to learn, help, share, and grow together with you. With an open heart and guided by God, I will do my best to adapt, contribute to your daily routine, and demonstrate my gratitude for the opportunity to be welcomed as a member of your family.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I sincerely hope to meet you and to build lasting bonds that will remain with us for a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Nathan

Do you certify that the information included in this application is true and correct to the best of your ability?

Yes

Please type your name below as an electronic signature.

First (Given) Name

Nathan

Date:

Monday, December 15, 2025

PARENTS LETTER:

Dear Host Family,

We write to you with deep gratitude and respect, as Nathan's parents, to thank you in advance for your willingness and generosity in opening your hearts and your home to receive our son. For our family, it is an honor to know that he will be able to live such a meaningful experience under the care of people who voluntarily choose to welcome a foreign student as a member of their family.

We are fully aware that hosting an exchange student involves responsibility, dedication, and affection, and we are immensely grateful for the opportunity you are offering Nathan. Our greatest wish is that this experience will be extremely positive for his life, contributing to his personal, academic, cultural, and human growth. We sincerely believe that daily life with your family, your values, and your customs will be a learning experience that he will carry with him for the rest of his life.

Nathan is an honest, kind, and simple young man. He has a pure heart; he is attentive, caring, and always willing to help. Since he was very young, we have sought to educate him based on values such as respect, gratitude, humility, responsibility, and empathy. He learns easily, but above all, he has a strong desire to learn and to become a better person every day.

Like any adolescent, Nathan is still in a formative stage of life. He needs to learn, mature, and be continually guided. For this reason, we believe that the example and the strong standards of conduct of the family who will host him will play a fundamental role in his development. We are confident that, by living with you, he will be able to grow not only academically, but also as a human being, learning about discipline, coexistence, responsibility, and respect for differences.

We trust that Nathan will respect the household rules, listen to guidance, cooperate with the family routine, and demonstrate through his actions the education and values he has received. He was raised to understand that being part of a family means contributing, helping, respecting, and being grateful. We hope that he will feel welcomed, guided, and loved, and that, in return, he will offer affection, respect, and dedication.

We also hope that this cultural exchange will be enriching for everyone involved. Nathan is very proud of his origins, his culture, and his history, and he will certainly be happy to share a little about our country, its customs, and its values with you, always with respect and a genuine interest in learning more about American culture.

We conclude this letter by reaffirming our gratitude and trust. May God bless your family for this act of generosity, and may this experience be marked by learning, respect, friendship, and wonderful memories for all of us. Please know that we entrust our son to your care with a peaceful heart, believing that he will be in an environment that will positively contribute to his personal and professional development.

Thank you very much for this opportunity and for everything you represent for our son's future.

Sincerely,

Johnata and Ana Cristiane

Please sign your name(s) below by typing in following boxes.

Legal Guardian #1's Electronic Signature: Johnata

Legal Guardian #2's Electronic Signature (if applicable): Ana Cristiane

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