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## How do we become a host family?



**Step One:** Complete an application by visiting [www.arise-usa.org/host-family-forms](http://www.arise-usa.org/host-family-forms) (Host families are required to complete an application, provide at least 3 personal references and all adult members (age 18 or older) must undergo a criminal background check.

**Step Two:** Once you have submitted your application, you will be contacted by an ARISE area representative who will arrange a visit with you and your family in your home.

**Step Three:** After your family has been fully screened and vetted, you will be provided with the student's complete profile, and you will be able to begin communicating with him/her!

## REMEMBER: Host families come in all shapes and sizes!

- Couples of all ages with no children at home
- Couples with young children.
- Couples with teenage children.
- Single parents with children.
- Single persons with no children.





# Meet

Isaac  
from  
BRAZIL



## PERSONAL INFORMATION

**ID#:** BR82

**Gender:** Male

**Age Upon Arrival in the U.S.:** 16

**Preferred Grade of Enrollment:** 10th

**Family:** He has one sister (age 16).

**Religion:** LDS (Mormon)

**Program Length:** Academic Year

**Interests:** Volleyball, computers, video games, playing the piano.

**Note:** Student would like to be placed with an LDS host family.

### *Excerpt from the Student Letter:*

My main interests in participating in this exchange are to develop more responsibilities in my daily life and gain maturity to handle different life situations. Additionally, one of my goals is to become fluent in English. Since I was a child, I have always been very active and involved in sports. When I was younger, I used to play indoor soccer with my friends, but I wasn't as good as them, which made me a little discouraged. My mother then encouraged me to try volleyball, and at first, I didn't want to because none of my friends played. However, over time, I grew to love it and didn't want to miss a single practice. Later on, my sister started training at a club, and since we have a friendly competition, I also wanted to train at a club. My mother found a former player from the Brazilian national team who was giving training sessions in my city, and I started training with him, which helped me further improve my skills. In addition to volleyball, I have done other physical activities. After the pandemic, I started doing crossfit to get back in shape. I have also practiced swimming, but I have never liked it very much. I have even ventured with my family into activities such as diving and rafting, which was a great learning and experiencing time, it was very cool. I am an outgoing person and have a knack for making friends and adapting to new environments. I believe that this exchange opportunity will be amazing for me, as it will allow me to experience something that few people have the chance to do. I am looking forward to building a lasting friendship with my future host family and making new friends at school. I will strive to always be respectful, participative, and open to new experiences. I want to make the most of this opportunity to grow as a person.

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# Meet

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

**ID#:** BR93

**Gender:** Male

**Age Upon Arrival in the U.S.:** 16

**Preferred Grade of Enrollment:** 11th

**Family:** He has one sister (age 37).

**Religion:** Christian

**Program Length:** Academic Year

**Interests:** Track & field/running, soccer, aerobics, basketball, photography, video games.

Isaac  
from  
BRAZIL



### Excerpt from the Student Letter:

I will start this letter talking about some of my hobbies, the hobby that I most like to do is practice sports, I like to practice soccer, basketball, volleyball, surf and casual running. The sport that I most practice now is the basketball that I have a team that I play here in Brazil and the soccer I would like to restart to play on teams and more. Other hobby that I love most is to go to the beach. I love to paddle on the board when I am in the beach. Other hobby that i love most is to spend time with people that I love like my friends and my parents, because they are the best for me, they always try to help me in every situation, they always want to do everything to be happy like, hang out, watch movies, travel and much more. Other hobby that I like to exercise is to photograph, I'm not the better photographer in the world, but is like to take pictures from beautiful views principally from the beaches that I go, because they make me feel good to take pictures from nice people on there or from the sun, from the sea, and much more things that I think its beautiful in the locale that i will be. I hope to get good experiences from the United States on the exchange program, to make some friends and to know different people. I hope to create a very good connection with the city that I would go, I hope to practice sports on school teams, like soccer or basketball principally, I would like to share incredible moments with my host family, and have a long lasting relationship with them, always trying to make contact with them, and trying to visit them when I come home again. You know that person who walks into the room and suddenly makes everything feel lighter? That's me. Always with a smile on my face, ready to take on the day with energy and confidence.

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# Meet Isabella

from  
**SPAIN**



*Excerpt from the Student Letter:*

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

**ID#:** SP84

**Gender:** Female

**Age Upon Arrival in the U.S.:** 14

**Preferred Grade of Enrollment:** 10th

**Family:** She has one sister (age 12).

**Religion:** Catholic

**Program Length:** Academic Year

**Interests:** Swimming, aerobics, baking, cooking. She would like to try cheerleading while in the U.S.

I have several hobbies, but perhaps the biggest is swimming. I belong to a swimming Club, and I have trained and competed since I was 9 years old. My specialty is breaststroke and for last years I have been State finalist in my country. In the Club I have many friends and colleagues, with whom I train 3 hours every day, and sometimes I also meet up with them to do something outside the Club. I also have other hobbies. For example, I love to cook omelettes, cookies and cakes. I also like to spend time with my friends, going out for a walk, shopping, celebrating birthdays or playing with their pets (especially with dogs and cats). I also like to spend time with my parents and especially go for holidays to my grandparents' town. It is a very small and beautiful village in the middle of the mountains in the north of my country. I also have friends to play with there, I love riding my bike there, and playing with "Cookie" and "Coffee", my neighbors' cat and dog there. I have other quieter hobbies such as listening to music, watching series on TV, reading, or occasionally playing a song on the guitar. Right now my biggest interest is having a great year in the United States. Traveling is another of my interests. My favorite trip so far has been with my school to Oxford for a week to improve my English language, although I'm sure this will change when I start my trip to the United States. From the moment my year in the United States begins, I will be willing to learn a lot about the language, the culture, traditions, habits, etc, always listening to advice from my family and friends there. I think I'm going to gain self-confidence, independence, attitude, have more responsibilities, and above all I'm going to try to learn everything I can. I am also a responsible person, and I am willing to collaborate with household chores, help with whatever is needed.

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