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STUDENT PROFILES – 2026/2027 School Year

ARISE USA is seeking host families for the following students for the 2026/2027 school year. Host families are asked to provide the student with room and board, as well as a loving family environment. To apply, please visit our website at <https://www.arise-usa.org/host-family-forms>. Please do not hesitate to contact ARISE if you have any questions or would like more information! Call/Text: (602) 641-9699; Email: info@arise-usa.org

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ID#	STUDENT PROFILE	STATUS
GB110	<p>Name: Ryan Gender: Male Age Upon Arrival in the U.S.: 15 Country: Gabon (born in Libreville) Preferred Grade of Enrollment: 11th Grade (Junior) Family: Lives with both parents (Irina and Suresh) and one younger sister, Ana (8) Religion: Not specified Program Length: F-1 Academic Year Interests & Activities: Basketball. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Strengths: Diligent, proactive, autodidactic, consistent study habits • Extracurricular Interests: Eco-club, basketball, piano • Other Interests: Open-minded cultural learning, community involvement, making long-lasting connections </p>	PLACED-Pending School Approval
BR99	<p>Name: LUCAS Gender: MALE Age Upon Arrival in the U.S.: 16 Country: BRAZIL Preferred Grade of Enrollment: Family: (he has two brothers, ages 35 and 19) and 1 sister (age 36) Religion: Christian Program Length: 2026/2027 school year Interests: Tennis, volleyball, Aerobics, singing (choir)</p> <p><i>EXCERPT FROM STUDENT LETTER: "Hi, my name is Lucas, I am 15 years old, but when I get there I will be 16 years old. I'm from Brazil. I live with my parents and my brother. I have 3 siblings, one sister, the older one, and two brother. My sister and one of my brothers are living in Boston, USA. I have a pet, a dog called Amora, it means blackberry in English, I know it sounds strange in English, but in Portuguese it sounds good. I'd like to tell you something about me. I like to play sports in general, specially tennis and volleyball. I use to train tennis once a week and I have been training for 6 years. I can't say I am an excellent player, but I can have fun doing that. Volleyball is another sport I use to train regularly, I play in my school team. I'd like to be taller to play better. I like to workout, I usually go to the gym three to four times a week. In US I'd like to learn how to play table tennis. I have heard American people like outdoor activities and it is one thing that attracts me. I usually go fishing at least once a year. I use to go to Amazonas region to fish and it's amazing to be so close to nature...The last thing I will improve my self leaving away from my parents for the first time. It is going to be interesting to manage my own money for the first time for example...I was thinking what</i></p>	PLACED-Nayara D. (Florida) Pending paper work.

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	<p><i>I could do to share something with you. I am young with not too much to share but I will do my best to be a good friend, student, member of your family, open mind, good mood, participate in family activities when invited and helpful (wash the dishes and clean my bedroom...hahaha). I am excited to meet you all and I wish you accept me in your family."</i></p>	
BR109	<p>Name: NATHAN Gender: MALE Age Upon Arrival in the U.S.: 16 Country: BRAZIL Preferred Grade of Enrollment: 12TH Grade Family: He has 1 sister (4 years old) Religion: Christian Program Length: Semester Interests: Martial arts, soccer, table tennis, aerobics, photography, computers/technology etc. Health: Student is allergic to sea food/shrimp.</p> <p>EXCERPT FROM STUDENT LETTER: <i>"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...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..."</i></p>	AVAILABLE
BR104	<p>Name: CAETANO Gender: MALE Age Upon Arrival in the U.S.: 15 Years Old Country: BRAZIL Preferred Grade of Enrollment: 11 grade Family: He has 1 sister (10 years old) Religion: Catholic Program Length: Semester (August – December) Interests: Basketball, aerobics, computers/technology, video games,</p> <p>EXCERPT FROM STUDENT LETTER: <i>"My name is Caetano and I am from Brazil. I have a 10-year-old sister, and I love the happiness she brings into our home. I play with her every day—we go cycling, play volleyball or padel, and sometimes we even ride horses together, which she loves. She is very kind, and I enjoy making her laugh; she always makes my jokes feel like they are the best in the world. I am 15 years old and very excited to go to the United States and have an incredible experience in my life... We have a very</i></p>	AVAILABLE

	<p><i>united family and always spend weekends doing things together, like going shopping or visiting beaches near the capital. During our summer vacation in December and January, my family, friends, and I spend many days enjoying the beaches in the east, which everyone here loves. As for me, I am very active, a responsible student, and I have great relationships with my classmates and teachers. I get good grades and hope to become a doctor like my father. At home, I help my mom with chores, and even though I don't cook very well yet, I hope to prepare something for you. I enjoy going to the gym and playing basketball—I used to play for the city team, and I hope to play for my American school too. I also love pets, especially dogs. On weekends, I go to church with my family and sometimes with friends. Dear family, I am very happy about this experience, and I am sure we will be a great match. I am easygoing, and I know our relationship will be wonderful.</i></p>	
SP101	<p>Name: Inés Gender: Female Age Upon Arrival in the U.S.: 14 Country: Spain Preferred Grade of Enrollment: 10th Grade (Sophomore) Family: Lives with parents (Laura and Alex), older sister Erika, and a cat named Tsuki Religion: None Program Length: Academic Year (August–June) Interests: Tennis, skiing, drawing, hiking, video games, reading, cheerleading, ice skating, music, movies, shopping, traveling</p> <p>Excerpt from student letter:</p> <p><i>My name is Ines. I live with my parents, my older sister Erika and our black cat Tsuki. I have many hobbies, such as listening to music, watching series and movies, reading, shopping, traveling, and playing sports. I love tennis and skiing, and I would be very happy to become a cheerleader. I'm excited to go to the USA, discover new experiences, meet new people, and above all, improve my English. I want to share my culture with my host family, help with chores, and enjoy holidays like Halloween and Christmas together. I know there will be good and bad days, but I'm ready to grow, adapt, and make the most of this experience."</i></p>	AVAILABLE
SP105	<p>Name: Nell Gender: Female Age Upon Arrival in the U.S.: 14 Country: Spain Preferred Grade of Enrollment: 10th Grade (Sophomore) Family: Lives with her parents (Nuria and Roger) and one older brother (18) Religion: Catholic (participates on holidays and special occasions) Program Length: Academic Year (August–June)</p> <p>Interests & Activities: Sports: Horseback riding (weekly), swimming (weekly), Creative Activities: Baking, cooking, drawing, painting, Other Interests: Reading, music, writing stories, organizing, designing clothes.</p> <p>EXCERPT FROM STUDENT LETTER</p> <p><i>Hello, my name is Nell, I'm fourteen years old, and this experience is one of my dreams. I've always loved the USA — I've visited Florida and New York, and those trips made me fall in love with the country. I want to study in an American high school, experience the culture, and share my own traditions, especially through cooking. I love spending time with my family and friends, going shopping, visiting amusement parks, and doing activities with my grandmother. My hobbies include horse riding, painting, writing stories, cooking, designing clothes, watching movies, reading</i></p>	AVAILABLE

	<p><i>romantic books, and listening to music. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to learn about the USA by living with a host family and studying in an American school."</i></p>	
SP103	<p>Name: Salomé Gender: Female Age Upon Arrival in the U.S.: 14 Country: Spain Preferred Grade of Enrollment: 10th Grade (Sophomore) Family: Lives with parents and one older brother (21) Religion: Catholic Christian (participates weekly) Program Length: Academic Year (August–June) Interests & Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports: Martial arts (weekly), swimming (weekly), badminton, softball, soccer, table tennis, tennis, basketball, cycling, paddle • Creative activities: Painting (weekly), drawing, crafts, baking, cooking • Other interests: Hiking, camping, video games <p><i>"Excerpt from student letter"</i></p> <p><i>"Hi! My name is Salomé, and I'm 14 years old. I'm very excited about the idea of living in the United States for one year. My older brother went on an exchange years ago and had an amazing experience, and I've dreamed of doing the same. I want to learn your traditions, help at home, follow your rules, and become part of your family. I love meeting new people, joining activities, and creating good memories together. I enjoy arts and crafts, especially working with clay, painting, and making small gifts. I also love sports like boxing (noncontact), team sports, swimming, and biking. My goals are to improve my English, grow as a person, and share my culture with you through food, music, and stories. Thank you for considering welcoming me into your home."</i></p>	AVAILABLE
BR113	<p>Name: Kamile Gender: Female Age Upon Arrival in the U.S.: 16 Country: Brazil Preferred Grade of Enrollment: 11th Grade (Junior) Family: Lives with both parents; only child; one dog (French bulldog named Luna) Religion: None Program Length: Fall Semester (August–December) Interests & Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports: Volleyball (often), Swimming (seldom), Aerobics (often), Cycling (seldom), Dance/Hip-Hop (seldom) • Creative/Other Activities: Baking (often), Cooking (often), Painting (occasionally) <p><i>Student Letter:</i></p> <p><i>"My name is Kamile and I am from Brazil. I am very happy to participate in this great experience of living in the United States with an American family. I live in a medium-sized city in the state of Santa Catarina, a clean, safe, and friendly place. I am very close to my parents—we do many activities together, like shopping, visiting relatives, and going to the beach. I love cooking, especially cookies, and I enjoy sports, especially volleyball. I also love children and pets; my dog Luna is part of our family. I am an easygoing person, I get along well with teachers and classmates, and I love making new friends. I am very excited to spend time with you and become part of your family. I promise to bring happiness to your home."</i></p>	PLACED-Pending School Paperwork Nayara D. 1/31/2026

BR115	<p>Name: Isabella Gender: Female Age Upon Arrival in the U.S.: 16 Country: Brazil Preferred Grade of Enrollment: 11th Grade (Junior) Family: one younger brother (age 11) Religion: None Program Length: Fall Semester (August–December) Interests & Activities: Sports, Volleyball — Often (once or twice a week) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling — Often, Padel — Once or twice a week, Swimming — Weekly <p>Summary from student letter: <i>"At this moment, I am very excited about the opportunity to be part of the exchange program. I study at a wonderful school called Bom Jesus, which is an excellent high school. There, I play volleyball, study hard, and enjoy spending time with my friends. I have a great relationship with my classmates and teachers, and I feel very comfortable in the school environment. Sports are very important to me, especially volleyball and paddle, and I hope to have the opportunity to play volleyball at my American school as well.</i></p> <p><i>In my free time, I enjoy going out with friends, watching TV series, and relaxing. I also really enjoy participating in science and research projects at school. This is something I am truly passionate about, and I have already received awards for my work in this area, which makes me very proud and motivated to keep learning and improving my skills.</i></p> <p><i>I love animals, especially dogs, and I also enjoy being around children. I have an 11-year-old brother, and we spend a lot of time together. We play, talk, and have fun, but I also help him with his homework and try to teach him important values about life. I consider myself a responsible, organized, and caring person. My bedroom is always clean and organized, and I often help my mom with household chores and cooking."</i></p> </p>	AVAILABLE
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