

Merle, 16 år

Merle kommer från en mindre stad i Tyskland. Hon bor tillsammans med sin mamma Eike (landskapsarkitekt) och sin pappa Hans-Udo (landskapsarkitekt). Hon har inga syskon.

Merles fritidsintressen är bl. a golf, dans, musik (spela flöjt och sjunger), mode, sömnad, teater, matlagning, böcker, kyrkoaktiviteter, skidåkning, segling, fotboll, hästar och umgås med familj och vänner. Lärarna beskriver henne som en samarbetsvillig och hårt arbetande tjej, som har de finaste rekommendationerna från sina lärare.

Merle kommer till Sverige i augusti 2012 och stannar under ett läsår.



"Dear host family,

My name is Merle *** and I'm a 15 years old girl. My parents and I are living in Höxter, a little town in Germany. My parents are landscape architects and work in dad's office. We often cook and eat together. Because of that we often talk about important things like politics and other themes. I visit the König-Wilhelm-Gymnasium in 9th grade. I'm good at school and I like going to school, also it's sometimes a little bit boring. I'm in the student council where we represent the students and organize school festivities.

With 6 years I started dancing. Now I dance hip hop, ballet and standard dance. In kindergarten age I was in the musical early education, where I started playing the flute and singing. I'm still practicing both things. And I'm playing golf like my parents and my grandma too. In my free time I work volunteer in a Protestant youth center where we offer for example theatre-workshops. At the moment we're practicing a nativity play. But we chill there too. With my friends I like shopping, talking and watching DVDs or going to the cinema. I love skiing too. Since nine years I've gone on ski holiday every year. Since four years my parents don't come along and my friends and I go on ski holiday with sports club.

I want to go on an exchange because I'd like to get to know another way of life, another culture. I also want to learn a new language, but that isn't as important as the first thing. Even though I like travelling as a tourist, I got the wish to see a foreign country in the everyday life. First I wasn't sure if I should go during school or after school. But I decided to go during school because you getting to know a country because my mum was in Canada and Switzerland for half a year while she was younger and my friends went to an exchange to USA.

I've chosen Sweden because it fascinates me. I think school in Sweden is interesting, not only because the very good assessment by the PISA-study. Then the landscape is beautiful and I like Swedish design. It's so simple but still nice. Besides I can imagine coming back to Sweden after my graduation to study or work there. But above all I've chosen Sweden because I want to get to know the country and its people.

Kind regards,

Merle"