Dear Host Family,

My name is Lisa, I'm fifteen years old, and I'm studying at Saint Joseph LaSalle High School. I live in a small village called Pin-Balma, near a large French city named Toulouse. This city, which I love so much, is the third largest in France and is located in the south of the country, where the weather is mostly sunny . It is also close to Spain. Toulouse is known as "La Ville Rose" (the Pink City) because of the color of its buildings in the city center and is also famous for its aerospace industry, particularly for being home to Airbus.

I live in a house with my parents and our three-year-old Siberian cat, Twix. I also have an older sister, Anaïs, who is almost 20 years old, but she no longer lives with us. She is studying at a business school in Lyon, in the east of France. Six months ago, she moved to Shanghai, China, to study for a semester.

Concerning my personality, I can be a bit shy at first, but after a few hours, I feel more comfortable and confident. I haven't made a final decision about what I would like to study after high school, but I will most likely follow in my parents' and sister's footsteps by attending a business school.

Regarding my hobbies, I practice sports twice a week. I do a combat sport called karate, and I even compete! I love playing sports in general—swimming, diving, and playing basketball with my friends. In my opinion, sports are a great way to relax and challenge myself to improve. I also really enjoy spending time with my friends and family, as staying close to them is essential to me.

I had the opportunity to live in Congo for three years when I was very young. My sister was seven years old when we moved back to France in 2012. I also have the Swiss nationality because my great-grandfather was Swiss (and my great grandmother was Spanish).

I have travelled a lot with my family to Spain, Italy, Portugal, Japan, Thailand, Mauritius, Greece, Finland, Estonia, Indonesia, Singapore... I have also visited your beautiful country several times, including New York City, Washington, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Las Vegas, Page, and some amazing national parks. However, I know that true culture can't be fully discovered just by visiting as a tourist.

I would love to have this incredible experience in a family in California because it would be a wonderful opportunity to improve my language skills (which will be very useful for my future studies and will allow me to continue traveling everywhere (a) and to truly discover American culture—new sports, food, people, and landscapes!

I truly hope you will consider my application, as I would like to share my culture with you while immersing myself in yours.

I am excited about this opportunity and would love to become a part of your family for this incredible experience.

Best regards,

Lisa

Some pictures of my life

First let's talk about my family and my friends:



My family has a big place in my life.

On the highest picture, you can see my parents Nicolas and Laetitia and my big sister Anais in Rome. I love so much traveling with them because it's a good way to spend time and discover new things together.

I've chosen the picture on the left because I can't see my sister Anaïs everyday (as she doesn't live with us anymore). It's important to keep this picture to remind me good memories with my sister.





This picture represents my mum and my maternal grandmother who are two important women in my life.

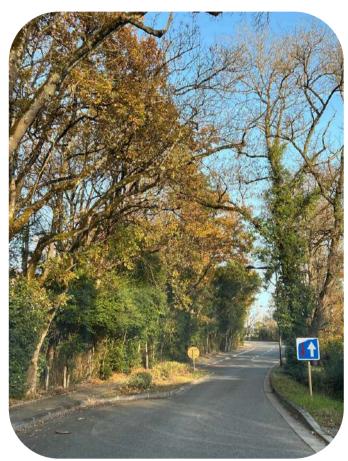
There are very sweet and they help me everyday in my life.



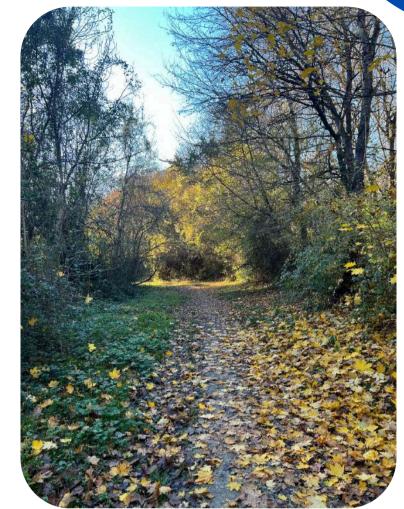
On those pictures there are all my best friends. Some are friends I just met this year and others from my previous school.

My city and my village:











(My garden)

My sport:







Here are some pictures of my favorite sport: the karate.

I love competing, all the members of the team support each other and motivate us to win.



Traveling is what I love the most.

Thanks to my parents, I have visited 17 countries all over the world like Indonesia, USA, Japan...

It's such a big chance! It allowed me to discover many cultures and to create unforgettable memories.