Dear host family,

Hello, my name is Candela, and I am 15 years old, turning 16 this year. I live in Camargo a village near to Santander the capital of Cantabria, Spain.

My family is quite small, I have a little sister whose name is Lucia and then my mother Susana and my dad Gerardo. I have a good relationship with my sister, she is 12 and although we have our rows she is like my best friend. My mom is a doctor, and my dad works in a company, and they have always thought me to work hard for the things that I love. As a family, we usually go on trips, and we love to travel. Every weekend we go out to get some food or to visit places from Cantabria or its surroundings. We also love to go on trips with friends or on holiday. I do not have a pet, but I wish I had one because I really like animals specially cats and dogs. When I grow up, I have always wanted to have at least one cat.

I study fourth year of ESO, at a school called Colegio Sagrada Familia, and I have been studying there my entire life. I think I am a great student, and I love my school. I always volunteer for everything they have. I have been to some robot competitions, which were amazing, and I have also volunteered in a food bank with my school. When I grow up, I want to study biotechnology or something related to that. Because I love biology, and I really enjoy using technology.

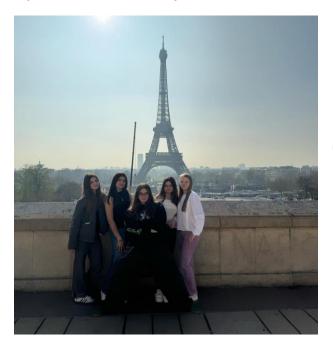
I am a person who loves to try new things and discover new places. One of the things I love the most is traveling. Other thing I love is gymnastics. I practice it two times a week, every week and my favorite thing to practice with is the ribbon. I also really enjoy drawing and designing clothes because I like fashion since I was very little. I also enjoy volleyball, and I sometimes play it in the beach with my friends because I live near a lot of beaches. In school, my favorite subjects are English, history and art. I have been going to English classes out of school since I was 4 years old. I think that is one of the reasons I have ended up really enjoying the language. Apart from that, almost every weekend I go out with my friends. We love to go to the beach to spend the afternoon there or go to the cinema or shopping. In addition, we sometimes go see our friends' football and basketball matches to support them, which I really enjoy.

I have always wanted to go to America, I think is an amazing place with a lot of things to see. Every movie I have seen had something to do with Los Angeles or California and it has always been a thing in me that wanted to visit it. I am a very funny and loving kid. I love getting to know new people and their cultures. But also, showing them my culture. I have already been to some exchanges like to France with school and to Ireland and England. Every house I have been has said that they loved the way I was, and they had a great time with me, which I appreciate a lot. I always try to show the people I am with the traditions of my hometown and my country. I know how to cook some Spanish

dishes, and I can show you some Spanish games or popular dances. It could be a very fulfilling experience for me, and I will try to be the best version of me with you.

Thank you very much for making time to read my letter and considering me to be part of your family this summer month. I am very grateful for your hospitality and the opportunity you are giving me to be part of your family and get to know you, your language and your traditions. I will be willing to very happily accept your rules and customs and just add a little Spanish touch to your family for this month.

My best wishes for everyone, Candela.



Here I am with my friends in Paris! In a trip with school.

Here I am with my friends on the bus going to France





Hi! This is a picture of me and my friends in the airport in Rome.

This is me and my sister, who is the girl with the fringe, with some friends in Florencia





This is me and my family in Pisa last summer