### Dear host family

My name is Elliott, although most people just call me Elli for short. I'm a 14 year old boy from a small town in southern Denmark who is looking forward to going to America on a three week visit to learn about the people, the culture and the everyday lives of Americans.

#### My interests and spare time

I love everything cars, ships and trains and discussing the topic with others alike, playing video games themed around them and much more. I often use my free time to play on my computer but just now and then I like to bike around town, build on my Lego car models, play soccer in school, walking the dog and cooking with my mom. I also really love travelling to other countries with my family, and I've grown quite attached to Germany seeing as I've been there several times!

#### My family and my country

My family consists of my mother who likes to take care of the garden, bake, and travel with the family. After that there is my father and although he doesn't live with us, he still tags along to a lot of events with us and I'm also very close to him. Then there is my little sister who's currently 13 and plays a plethora of different instruments which also includes the guitar and ukulele. She's also obsessed with the Hamilton musical or just all musicals altogether. Then there is my big sister who is 24 and moved out a few years ago. She also likes to do stuff with me, my little sister and my mom even though she doesn't live with us as well. She's also taken my little sister out to Copenhagen to see a Girl in red concert. As for my country, Denmark is really a great place to live. As i said before, i live in a small town in southern Denmark very close to the original legoland which has caused me to visit it hundreds of times so it starts getting a bit repetitive. I however grew up with LEGO, living so close to both the park and the company itself. I could bring you some LEGOs, if you want! Denmark is also a pretty cozy place to live in which probably is why we have a word just for that and it's called "Hygge". It kind of means to be happy, comfortable and cozy all at the same time. Denmark also has a lot of strange and odd yet delicious foods like risengroed which is a rice porridge topped with cinnamon sugar and butter. It's fair to say that from your eyes, Denmark might be a tiny bit odd.

#### My school life

I go to a relatively small school around 12 kilometers or 7,5 miles away from my house and I take the school bus every morning at 7 AM. The teachers think very fondly of me and I thrive in classes like english, math and especially history. Every time we have an assignment in history where we have to work together in groups, I'm usually the one people want to be in a group with, because I study history alot in my freetime outside of school and I'm a bit of a history-geek in some people's opinions. I also do great socially and I like playing soccer with the other boys in my class when we have recess.

#### Me as a person

According to myself, I would say that I'm slightly introverted. But I form very strong friendships with the people I end up getting to know. I'm also a bit shy sometimes but I will ultimately end up overcoming that sense of shyness and form some strong bonds with the person i met. I'm also very open minded and although I said that I'm a bit of an introvert before, I am still really social around people I've come to know.

#### Why i would like to experience the US

So when I was around 5 years old my big sister took a similar trip to the US when she was 15. And I've always thought it would be kind of cool to take a trip to America like that. But my interest in going to America has definitely peaked within the last few months because of me being more open to going to more places without my family and meeting new people. The most prominent reason why I want to go to California this summer is to try and experience the daily life, weather, culture and personality of the American people. One of the less important yet still impactful reasons is also the type of foods that can be found in California. We enjoy eating both american, spanish and mexican foods in our household so it would great to try it from the source

Im looking very forward to meeting you and i hope we can create some fantastic times together  $\mathfrak{S}$ 

Best regards Elliott

# Elliott



This is me and my little sister



Me in Billund airport. Before a flight to london



Here i am outside a tank museum



Me in front of a nissan skyline GT-R



Me with my dad in a car museum located in copenhagen



Me sledding in norway with my mom

## Elliott



Me at a car museum in copenhagen



This is me helping my dad do a oil change



This was taken of my mom and my sister in prauge



Both my little and big sister. Summer 2024



Me on a field trip with my class to the island of Bornholm



My little sister during a musical performance