

Dear Host Family,

First of all I hope you and your family are well.

My name is Beñat and I'm a 16 year old teenager. I like playing soccer and hanging out with friends and I am a very joyful and sporty person. I live with my parents, my mom's name is Ainhoa and she is a gynaecologist. My father is Joseba, and he works in the Town Hall, here in Azpeitia. I also have two younger brothers, the middle one is called Lander and he is 14 years old and the youngest one's name is Jakes and he is 11 years old. I live in a small town of 15.000 inhabitants called Azpeitia in the Basque Country (North of Spain). It hasn't got coast but is near it. It has a lot of mountains in the surroundings and has a lot of beautiful places such as Loiola. Loiola is a big church, it is very touristic and a lot of people come to see it. One of the most famous places in the basque country is Saint Sebastian, and we are very close to it. Perhaps you have also heard about Pamplona, very famous because of the bulls festivities (San Fermin).

As I told you before, I like to hang out with my friends and we have a group of 16 friends. Here the group of friends are called "Kuadrilla" and almost all people have one. My best friends are Oihan, Auritz and Ander, but I get along with all of the people from the group. We like to hang out and go to play soccer together and we always end up arguing because we are very competitive. In my free time I like to play video games and to do any sport. I like almost all the sports in the world. In my school we have a lot of subjects such as maths, basque, english, spanish, french, history, biology and geology, physics and chemistry physical education and ethics. My favourite subject is physical education but I also like physics and chemistry. When I grow up I want to go to university and I'm not sure yet but I would like to learn physiotherapy.

My mother language is Basque, Spanish is my second language. I am quite fluent in English and I am learning French. For the future, I want to improve my English, that's why I want to go to the USA. I am attracted to getting to know the nation that I usually see in the series that appear on television, where the NBA is played, getting to know its culture, etc. and also to try the experience and have fun.

Thank you very much for reading my letter. I am very excited about the chance to live with a host family. It is a unique opportunity to learn a language that I want to perfect, get to know a different culture and why not, share my own culture and help to household in any way I can. Thanks for considering me as a potential guest in your home. In case you liked my introduction and want to give me the opportunity to be part of your family, be sure that I will do my best to make my stay a mutually rewarding experience.

I hope you liked my presentation and are looking forward to meeting me this summer.

Love,
Beñat



Here are some photos of me, my family and friends.

Would describe yourself as:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Timid | <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual | <input type="checkbox"/> Patient | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Talkative |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sociable | <input type="checkbox"/> Artistic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energetic | <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent | <input type="checkbox"/> Neat | <input type="checkbox"/> Affectionate | <input type="checkbox"/> Mature |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Athletic | <input type="checkbox"/> Studious | <input type="checkbox"/> Witty | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Check one box for the activities you enjoy, and check two boxes for your favorite activities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bicycling | <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Movies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Theater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Camping | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Dance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Jogging/Running | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Painting/Drawing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shopping | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Reading | <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding/Rollerblading |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Computers | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scout/Girl Scout |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video Games | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Museums | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Instrument (which do you play): _____ | | (<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced) |

What is your religious affiliation, if any: CATHOLIC

Would you accept to go to religious service with your host family? Yes In theory no, but I'm okay to try *(it will not be mandatory but it usually is an important part of the American family life)*





I like to play football and this is my team. This was in a tournament in Spain. (I'm the first one on the left, in the bottom row)



This is me playing football. These are some photos playing football in a league match and in tournament in France.



My family



From left to right they are: my father, my grandpa, me, my little brother, my grandma, my mom, my middle brother, my other grandpa, my other grandma and my aunt. This was celebrating my and my middle brothers birthday.



My mom, my aunt, my little brother, my middle brother, my grandpa, me and my grandma in a trip in Bilbao.



This is me and my family in Madrid.



This is me and my family in Costa Rica.



This is in a football match, watching our favourite team Real Sociedad with my middle brother, my grandpa and my parents.

My friends



This is my group of friends. This was in carnivals and in that day all the town dresses elegantly. (I'm the second one on the right, in the bottom row).