

Dear Host Family,

My name is Marco, I am 16 years old and I live in a City in the north-east of Italy. It is a nice city with a rich history and culture.

What about my family?

My father, is an Associate Professor at the University of Padova.

My mother, is a teacher of history and philosophy at the High School. I have an oldest brother, who is studying Law at the University of Paris and a younger brother of ten years old.

I am attending the third year of Liceo Scientific; my favourite subjects are math's, physics and science.

I would like to become an environmental engineering because I love nature and I wish to solve the problems of air pollution and to use water in a better way.

I would describe myself as open-minded boy who develops an interest in knowing new countries and new friends. I'm very active and in my free time I always need to do something. I love to do physical activities: the one that I like most is to play football in a good team. Moreover, I like also to play volleyball with my friends. Music is another of my passion: although I don't play any instrument, I like to listen music and my favorite genre is rap. I also attended theatre classes with my school; it was so exciting and enthusiastic and we even did some performances in several cities in Italy.

I had a short experience abroad without my parents: I was for two weeks in an international camp and last year I was in an ecologic camp. These were important experiences for me because I had the opportunity to meet new friends and different cultures. So, I have decided to attend a full year in another country.

I chose to come to Portugal because I like the language and I love the landscapes and the ocean too. I went on vacation in Portugal with my parents and my brothers five years ago. We travelled in the south part of Portugal in the Algarve area. The climate, the light and the colors of sky were incredible fantastic for me and gave me

new emotions. I had an enthusiastic experience to do surf with the big waves of the ocean. Surfing with the big waves of the ocean was an incredible experience. I also enjoyed the culture, history, and language of the country, which I am so excited to do and experience again during this exchange. During this summer I will start and learn some Portuguese. I don't have any allergies and I like to taste new kind of food.

I am so excited to come to Portugal and I will be an open-minded boy for the host family.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity that will be very important for my future.

Marco