



**YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING**  
Intercultural Exchange Programs



**HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT and get ready for a life-changing experience!** This is a chance to share your story, your traditions and your customs while learning about others. When you open your home and heart to a YFU international exchange student, you'll develop a fresh perspective, make memories and gain a new family member for life. Apply online at [yfuusa.org](http://yfuusa.org) or call us to learn more. Our dedicated staff and volunteers will be there every step of the way.

#### TYPICAL YFU STUDENTS ARE

- from one of 70 countries
- proficient speakers in English
- eager to learn about your family
- medically insured and have their own spending money
- able to share a room with another host sibling
- sure to become an integral part of your family

#### YFU PROVIDES

- orientations and workshops throughout the exchange year
- local support volunteers
- 24-hour emergency support

#### ASK YFU ABOUT

Study Abroad discounts for hosting families

### Megu 16 Year Female from Japan

Student #: 2019-171-003-0104

Meet kind and talkative Megu, a 16-year-old girl from Japan! Megu's friends say that she always wears a lovely smile. She has been playing the piano for thirteen years, and would love to play a classical piece for her host family. Megu also likes spending time outdoors and swimming with friends. Singing, drawing pictures, listening to music, and watching movies are other favorite activities of Megu's. She has a big heart for small children as well. At school, Megu's favorite subject is World History, and she plans to follow in her parents' footsteps and become a dentist in the future. During her exchange year, Megu hopes to learn how to better express herself, and she would love to join her school's choir. Megu thanks you for opening your home to her, and she looks forward to creating wonderful memories with your family!

### Pearanat 15 Year Male from Thailand

Student #: 2019-235-003-0031

Cheerful, friendly and easy-going Pearanat, age 15 from Thailand, is an active young man enjoying tennis, running, and badminton! Nicknamed Pea, his excellent interpersonal skills and good sense of humor assists him in easily making friends. A curious individual, considered mature for his age, he is dedicated to learning, working cooperatively with other students. At school, his favorite subject is Science. Pea has great respect for his family, and appreciates the support and guidance of his parents. Family time is often consumed with board games, watching movies, running, badminton, and traveling. He supports his working parents by performing tasks around the house. Pea appreciates his older brother sharing his current experiences while on exchange in the USA. With a love for travel, he hopes to become a pilot where he can continue to experience and learn about other cultures. He expresses his gratitude for his future host family for their assistance in providing him with "a great experience" and becoming a member of your family!

### Francois 17 Year Male from France

Student #: 2019-146-003-0044

Seventeen-year-old Francois from France loves to explore and discover new things! Described as intelligent, subtle, diplomatic and curious, Francois is ready to embark on this exciting exchange year. Francois is the middle child of five in his family. Together, they enjoy biking, board games, movies, and they always eat their meals together. Francois loves to cook, and is able to prepare some of his own meals. Other activities he enjoys are reading, playing computer and video games, watching movies or series on Netflix, and listening to music. He recently started playing rugby with a friend on a team, and used to play underwater hockey! Francois sometimes works at his school's student café and has written for his school's paper. A lover of history, it seems natural that in July he will be providing guided tours of a medieval castle! Francois has already spent a term at a school in the UK, so going on a year-long exchange was a good fit for him. When asked what he would like to try on exchange, he replied "I am open to everything!"

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