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Program length: 3 month ( June'30 -  
September'20)  
Preferred cities: Voronezh  
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ESL students

#### Personal Letter

Dear host family,

My name is Criston and I look forward to having the opportunity to live in your home. Knowing that I will be able to do this makes me extremely happy as I know it will be equally beneficial for me and my host family. Conversely, there are many more reasons that I believe I am good choice for your family and also some things about me I'd like to share with you.

I will divulge some information about my interests and personal motivations. For starters, I have some familiarity with Russian. I've practiced online with other Russian natives for close to a year to prepare for this experience and I'm hoping that it will aid in the teaching process. In addition, I enjoy discovering new cultures through my interests. As such, I've noticed that there is a lot of jazz in Russia and I hope to get a chance to experience some live shows while there.

I also enjoy traveling. In turn, I've had the opportunity to go to other countries like Japan and Brazil. From these trips, what I liked the most were the chances to see new places, meet new people, and try the local cuisine. Thus, during my time in Voronezh, I hope to see and interact with people around Voronezh State University and other places and also see





what a pizza prepared in Russia tastes like. Additionally, since I like to work with my hands, I would enjoy having the opportunity to assist with the preparation of meals.

I also have several reasons, ranging from experiencing other cultures to selffulfillment as my drive to volunteer with the World Explorers. As I hope my letter demonstrates, I really love to be able see what it's like in other countries of the world. In addition, I believe this volunteer position will greatly aid my abilities with the Russian language since I always desire to visit the countries with



languages that I am learning to speak. Lastly, I want to do this because it will be something fulfilling to me. I'm currently an engineer, but the work I do doesn't fulfill me as much as working with languages. Thus, I feel it is important to try to follow my interests instead of just what may pay well. There are aspects that make me a good choice to help with English. As a result of language studies, I know firsthand how challenging it is to learn a new language. With this in mind, I also know the patience that is required of a person that's teaching. Thus, I am more disposed to be patient when there are challenges with understanding new concepts and grammar in the English language.

I also have experience volunteering as a tutor for people that speak English as a foreign language. I normally meet with the students and help them improve their pronunciation, practice grammar, and prepare for testing that allows them to study in universities. In addition, I have met with students from different places like Asia and South America.

These students vary in age with some that are in their early 20s to others that are in their late 40s.

Above all, I believe this will be a rewarding experience for me as well as your family. We will both learn a lot about each other as well as our respective mother languages. In addition, our fluency will increase greatly through our interactions from day to day. Thus, I look forward to interacting with your family very soon.

Sincerely,



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