

Dear Host Family,

My name is Peter Candelora, I am seventeen years old, and I will be attending Duke University to major in biomedical engineering and minor in Russian language and culture beginning this fall. Two years ago I visited Russia with my friend and her family, and ever since, I have been trying to learn Russian. Though it is still poor, I hope my experience this summer will improve my Russian language skills as well as help you to perfect your own English. I have also studied Spanish for six years now, making me familiar with the language learning process and I additionally have some prior experience teaching since I spent a year working as an ACT tutor in high school. Language-learning is one of my favorite hobbies, and I cannot wait to share that passion with you.

As for my other hobbies, I really enjoy cooking, playing cards, going on walks, and I am driven by curiosity and especially love trying new things. I would consider myself to be very outgoing and sociable, and I love to learn or do just about anything. History and art are two of my other passions. I love to read books about European history and visit museums. In fact, I often volunteer a couple weekends every year at my local history museum. I even took a course in European history and art that solidified my interest and appreciation for both, and it was this that actually inspired me to pick up drawing as a hobby. I am also fascinated by mathematics, specifically calculus, and chemistry. I have been studying chemistry for three years and calculus for two thus far and spend a portion of my free time researching both subjects and learning about the newest scientific and mathematical advancements.

I am very excited to participate in this program and I greatly anticipate meeting you and sharing my passions this upcoming summer.

Sincerely,
Peter Candelora