

Lär känna Beatriz

Beatriz är född 2007 och kommer från Brasilien. Hon kommer i augusti 2024 och stannar under ett läsår. Intressen är bl. a volleyboll, böcker, fotografering. Hennes favoritämnen i skolan är historia, litteratur och filosofi.

Dear Family,

I would like to start this letter by saying that I'm eternally grateful for you taking me in. Becoming an exchange student has always been one of my dreams and you are the ones making it possible, thank you so much.

My name is Beatriz and I live in an apartment with my parents and my grandmother. My mom and dad have encouraged me to communicate my feelings since I was little, so one could definitely say we have a very open relationship, which also makes us very close. During four to five days a week it's just me, my mother and grandmother (because my dad works in a different city), and our schedules are very different, so we don't see much of each other during the day. On weekends, however, everyone is home and I help with the chores — something I don't do much during the week because we have a housekeeper and my parents require me to focus more on school and my studies.

My day-to-day life, basically, consists of waking up early (6:30 am) to go to school, coming back by lunch time, studying/doing my homework after an hour's rest and going to volleyball practice at night (on Tuesdays and Thursdays). My school is very big, it has around 3800 students and an enormous campus, I've been studying here ever since 2013 and don't really think of changing schools except for the exchange experience. Classes start at 7:15 am and finish at 12:45, on Mondays and Tuesdays I go back to school at 2 pm for more classes that end at 4:30 pm. During the weekend is when I have time to relax and meet up with my friends, — we usually go to one of our houses or to a restaurant — or spend time with my parents — watching a movie and/or going to a coffee shop.

As for my hobbies, the thing I do most is read, I love books that portrait human beings at their purest, rawest state and the many different lives people can have; in that same line of thinking, one of my favorite things to do is people watching; I really enjoy photography; last but not least I like sports, especially volleyball.

I cannot pinpoint when the idea to become an exchange student started, but ever since I can remember, it has been something I strive for. Growing up, my dad kept telling me stories of him and his host brother and this only inspired my wish. Now, however, I see this experience as something that will help me grow as a person. Sweden was my final choice because of its security (political, economical and physical), culture (I'm a huge fan of mythology), language (I started taking Swedish lessons as a tryout and ended up loving it) and values (sense of community, gender equality and so on). All of that paired with such a beautiful country made it easy for me to decide.

To finish off this letter, I would like to thank you again for receiving me. I hope you can learn from me about Brazil as much as I'll learn from you about Sweden. I wish you all the best in this world and look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely, Beatriz.



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