

***"Karl is very bright,
intellectually curious,
and often delightfully
humorous."***

Lär känna Karl

Karl är född 2007 och kommer från USA. Han kommer i augusti 2025 och stannar under ett läsår. Intressen är bl. a musik(spelar cello, nyckelharpa), utomhusaktiviteter, dans, böcker och matlagning. Hans favoritämnen i skolan är språk, psykologi och beteendevetenskap.

Dear Host Family,

My name is Karl, and I come from a small town in rural America. My family has always been proud of our Swedish heritage, and over the past few years, I've made it a personal goal to learn as much as I can about the Swedish language and culture.

Growing up, I was always the adventurous one in my family. Out of my mom, dad, and older sister, I was typically the one encouraging us to try something new or explore someplace different. I've always loved learning new skills, and I've already made it a goal to learn as many things as possible. For eleven years I studied ballet, jazz, tap, and modern dance, and I've been playing instruments such as the cello, violin, nyckelharpa, and flute for longer than I can remember. I'm also a Boy Scout, enjoy reading, 3D printing, and, of course, studying Swedish. My interest in Sweden started in small ways—dala horses scattered around the house, Swedish recipes my dad would make, and family stories about our relatives there. A few years ago, I asked my grandpa if he knew anything about our family in Sweden, and that began my journey. He connected me with a relative he used to write to as a kid, and since then, I've been learning Swedish and getting to know our family. I've been lucky enough to visit Sweden twice—first with my mom in March 2023 to meet family, and again in June 2024 with my sister to explore more of the country. Those trips solidified my desire to truly experience life in Sweden, not just as a visitor but as a new home.

What draws me most to Sweden is its focus on family, community, and balance. Sweden has felt like such a refreshing contrast to the fast-paced, individualistic lifestyle I've grown up with in America. I'm excited to learn not only about my heritage but also about Sweden's way of life and values.

As someone who's already experienced living away from home—I'm in my second year at an arts boarding school—I've learned how to adapt to new environments and take on challenges. I know it's not always easy, but I've also found it enriching. In Sweden, I'm eager to embrace every experience, hopefully continuing to play the cello and nyckelharpa, joining clubs, learning to ski, or even trying hockey. I'm happy to contribute to my new host family by helping with household tasks, cooking, and sharing American culture. I appreciate you taking the time to read my letter, and I cannot wait to meet my new family soon.

/Karl

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