

"Till is a clever and bright young man. He gets along excellent with his classmates and is always available to help if needed."

Lär känna Till

Till är född 2009 och kommer från Tyskland. Han kommer i augusti 2026 och stannar under ett läsår. Intressen är bl. a innebandy, tennis, datorer och matlagning.

Dear future host family,

My name is Till, I am 16 years old, and I come from northern Germany. Even though it hasn't been decided yet whether I will actually come to stay with you, I would like to give you an impression of who I am with this letter. Maybe I will get to meet you in person soon, and I am looking forward to telling you a little about my life, my hobbies, and my reasons for wanting to spend a year abroad.

Right now, I am in the 10th grade at a German high school. I actually enjoy going to school, especially because I get to see my friends every day. My favorite subjects are math and sports, because I do well in them and they come naturally to me. I have also recently started learning a bit of Swedish. Of course, I am still far from being fluent, but I hope that knowing some basic words and phrases will make it easier for me to get started. I am sure that I will learn much faster at your home and in a Swedish school, because you learn a language best when you hear and use it all the time.

Sports are an important part of my daily life. I especially love floorball, which I think is called innebandy in Sweden. Floorball is not as well-known in Germany as it is in Sweden, but I still enjoy playing it very much. I train several times a week with my team and often play in tournaments on weekends. The highlight so far has been the Prague Games, a tournament with teams from many different countries. The idea of being able to continue playing floorball in Sweden excites me a lot. I hope I might even be able to join a local club. It would be amazing to experience how the sport is played in a country where it is so much bigger than in Germany. Maybe I will learn new techniques or get tips from people who know much more about the sport than I do.

Besides floorball, I also play tennis occasionally, usually with my family or friends, especially in the summer when the weather is nice. I have been playing since I was about six years old. Even though I don't train every week anymore, I always have a lot of fun. I also play the clarinet and take lessons. Until recently, I was also in the school band, but it became a bit too much to handle alongside school, training, and other activities. Still, music remains something I enjoy.

I would describe myself as open, curious, and friendly. I like meeting new people and trying new things, even if they might seem a bit unfamiliar at first. This is one of the main reasons why I want to spend a year abroad. Of course, I also want to improve my Swedish, but most of all, I want to get to know a different way of life and experience the everyday routines, family life, habits, and traditions. I find it fascinating to see how other people live, what is normal for them, and what they might do differently than we do in Germany. Sweden has interested me for a long time—its nature, people, and lifestyle. And, of course, the fact that floorball plays a much bigger role there. I am looking forward to spending a lot of time outdoors in Sweden: in the city, going for walks, or just exploring your surroundings. I would also love it if we could do things together occasionally, whether it's trips or simple everyday activities, depending on what you enjoy.

I am also aware that a year abroad will not always be easy. There will certainly be moments when I feel homesick or don't understand something right away. But I think that these situations are part of the experience and what makes a year abroad truly special. You become more independent and learn to solve problems on your own, and this is exactly the kind of development I hope for during this year.

If I get to stay with you, it would be important to me not to just be a "guest." I would like to help out around the house, just as I am used to doing at home. Whether it's setting the table, cooking, or other tasks, I am happy to contribute. By the way, I also enjoy cooking myself and could maybe show you how to make a German dish. In return, I would love it if you could introduce me to typical Swedish dishes. I imagine these shared moments to be especially wonderful, as you can learn a lot from each other.

Finally, I want to tell you how much I appreciate that you are even considering hosting someone from another country. It is not something to be taken for granted. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I am excited about everything this year might bring, and perhaps we will see each other soon in Sweden.

With warm regards,

Till

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