

**"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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