

Dear Friends,

Shelbyville Central Schools recognizes the need for our students to develop the skills and disposition to engage globally. As such, we are always excited to invite foreign exchange students into the hallways of Shelbyville High.

Unfortunately, this school year, the high school does not quite have the diversity and international perspective that we aim for and value so much.

You can help by hosting a PAX foreign exchange student this school year!

Germany, Spain, Japan, Argentina, Kyrgyzstan... wherever PAX exchange students call home, they all share a common goal: a sincere desire to experience and better understand the U.S. by participating in real-life activities as a student and member of a regular American family like yours.

As a host family, you welcome this new son or daughter into your home, provide them with a bed, a place to study, and a seat at the dining table. Above all, you encourage the student to engage in American life—while you learn about your new family member's country and culture.

Sound interesting?

Hosting options include a short-term "welcome" of 6-8 weeks or even the entire 2019/20 school year. Interested in hosting two students? That's also possible. Why not give it a try? Your family has so much to gain!

Not sure your family is a good candidate for hosting?

Whether you have teenagers, toddlers, or an empty nest, all types of families are encouraged to apply. Above all, we strive for a great match between the exchange student and host family—based on shared interests and motivations.

[Which of these international students would fit your family best?](#)

When students—whether American, Spanish, German, or Japanese—learn as a result of a shared friendship, the bridge they build to that lesson stands forever; inviting PAX students into our classrooms fosters such friendships. As educators, we strive toward such positive impact and thank you very much for your help—we can't do it without you!

Learn more at www.pax.org/families and contact Pam Blackburn at 317.690.6189 or pamb@pax.org with any questions you may have.

U.S. Host Families Needed:

Elisa (F) | Germany

Interests: Tennis, Violin, Cooking, Rollerblading...

Sixteen-year-old Tra My, who goes by the more typical German name “Elisa”, is more interested in science classes than art: “When I draw something, it looks like a child did it.” That said, as a skilled violinist, you can’t say that she isn’t also artistically inclined. One thing the young lady is looking forward to sharing with her U.S. host family is the gift of food. While she may not be a professional chef, she dabbles in both German cuisine and Vietnamese—which she learned from her mother. More than anything, Elisa simply wants to “live the American way of life” this year—go to high school, attend football games, try out for a sport, and create amazing memories with her new family!

Vladyslav (M) | Ukraine

Interests: Horses, Debate, Guitar, Drums, Volunteering...

Vlad has been awarded a prestigious, merit-based scholarship through the U.S. Department of State. While the young man is interested in and talented at many things, one thing that stands out is his love for music. "From the age of five, I was playing different musical instruments. I can't imagine my life without music." If Vlad has a lot of music in his life, he has even more women—indeed, he lives with his grandmother, mother, and little sister. "We are constantly doing different activities together, like for example, we love walking in parks, playing badminton, running in the morning, and if it's a rainy day, we play board games." Vlad seems to have a great approach to life and is very much looking forward to blending it with yours!

[***Meet PAX exchange students from Argentina, Spain, Germany, Japan, and many more countries who do not yet have a U.S. host family!***](#)

