INSTRUCTIONS

Write your U.S. host family a letter:

• Introduce yourself and your family. What activities do you enjoy doing together?
  What are your responsibilities at home?
• Describe your interests.
• Tell your friends, What activities do you like to do together?
• Write two or three sentences to describe your city.
• What plans, if any, do you have for your future and career?
• What else do you want your host family to know about you?
• What would you like to gain from your exchange experiences?

Write your letter in English. You may only use both sides of Form 2. Do NOT write outside the box or paste photos on this form. Do NOT include your family name, your relatives’ full names, or the name of your city in this letter. This letter will be shared with U.S. host families considering hosting you.

Dear American Family,

My name is Annika and I am 16 years old. I am part of a real big family. I have my mom and two dogs, which I call my little family. Then I have big family - 5 children, 12 adults, which are my closest relatives-cousines, aunts and oncles. When we all come together for fests, movie night or birthday celebration it feels like

We are really active family. We love to travel together to Thailand, Great Britain, Italy and so on. However, my favourite activity is our family movie night. When we all watch some movie talked about life and eat apple pie. However, besides of fun, I have some household responsibility to do like cleaning my room, washing closer and taking care of my dogs. Sometimes I help my cousins with school projects or homeworks.

I am really active person as a result, I am keen on sports like athletics and volleyball. In summer I usually play beach volleyball with friends. I don't anymore, do athletic training profession, however, I love sometimes to run some km. One of my favourite hobby is reading books, because it helps me to relax. Since last year I have been really interested in photography and still try to improve and develop this new skill.

My friends is one the most important thing in my life. I am sociable and open person as a result, I have friends not only in my hometown - but in my new home - too. Usually we like to go to cafes, movies or just go for a walk around the city. However, sometimes we like to volunteer in projects or events. In the summer we love to travel.

I live in the capital of Latvia so it is always crowded and full of surprises. It is a city of dreams. It is full of interesting places to visit. For example, you can attend Latvian National Museum of Art or go for a walk in Vermanes garden park. My favourite place is The old town. In the old town you can eat in Latvian cafe or just walk in beautiful streets full of people and concerts. It is always full of lights. I think it is the best part of the city.

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In the end, I want to add, that I am very proud of my country so I want to present and show you how amazing, rich with traditions it is. I also believe that my experience in America will give me not only language knowledge, but also a better understanding of American culture, history and traditions. It will also help me to improve and develop my personality.