

## Felicia Gerhardt

Dear Sir / Madam,

My name is Felicia Gerhardt and am very keen to stay two months at The Academy at Charlemont. I am thrilled by the thought of being part of Charlemont's student community for eight weeks.

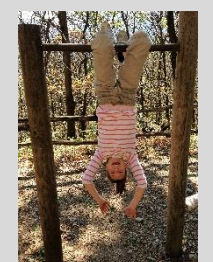
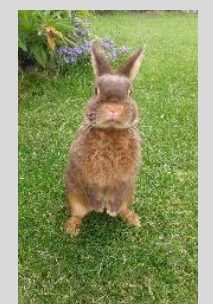
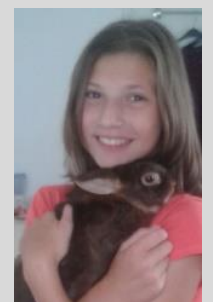
I was born on August 30<sup>th</sup> 2002, as the second child of my parents Michaela and Ralf Gerhardt in Regensburg, Germany. My older sister Annika attends the 10th grade. Our common pet is a bunny.

I spent my early childhood in Regensburg and Frankfurt/Main. From 2006, I lived two years with my family in Brussels, Belgium, where I attended kinder garden. Shortly after my sixth birthday in 2008, I started elementary school in Erding, Germany. Following the recommendation of my primary school teachers, I skipped the third grade. I mastered the challenge and was admitted to Anne Frank Gymnasium (advanced secondary school) with a grade point average of 1.3 (grade scale 1-6, 1 = best grade). There I chose the linguistic branch and where students are learning three languages. Besides my favorite subjects French and English, I learn Latin. I also have a passion for chemistry, economics, and history. Presently, I am in the ninth grade and perform good (current mid-term grade average: 2.1; final grades 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 1.7)

Since the 5th grade, I reliably administer the class register and elected optional classes each term. Since I am very interested in languages, I have selected Japanese in 8th grade for one year. Unfortunately, there was no class that followed on that foundation. I am currently performing arts in the works and ceramics society. In March 2016, I will complete a student internship at my old elementary school.

In my spare time I like sporting with friends, I love to go swimming in a pool or in a lake. Since I lived in Belgium, I play golf and in summer 2015, I become youth Vice Club Champion. I like to cook and bake for my family and friends and I experiment to create new recipes. I am interested in health and nutrition and aim at an overall healthy and balanced diet. I like to travel with my family and so far, I have been to nine countries. In summer 2015, I was canoeing in France with the Protestant Youth organization.

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I am supporting the local parish by distributing community letters and I contribute to the services. In addition, I intend to become a member of the youth leaders that organize and run child vacations.

I will be in the senior classes two years from now and will graduate in 2019. Since I will probably be 1-2 years younger than my classmates at graduation, I plan to spend time abroad for 18-24 months. To deepen my language skills, to see others parts of the world, and to meet other cultures I want to spend time at least in two different parts of the world, with different languages. I am very interested in other cultures and I would like to see how other people live to become more open minded. I am keen to make friends and stay in touch with people all over the world. This will contribute to my personal growth and will broaden my horizon and lay a foundation for my academic career.

I am planning to start university education after coming of age. Currently I am intending to study education with a focus on languages. I strongly believe that teachers should be trained beyond their university education and share their experience with their students.

From Charlemont's web page I can see how much emphasis is put on ethical behavior, self-motivation, inter-cultural competence, tolerance, and social engagement. I am fully committed to these values and I am very motivated to contribute to the school community. Clearly, an eight week stay at The Academy at Charlemont will have a strong impact on my further life and contribute to my personal goals.

Erding, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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