

Hello!

My name is Maria-Laura Bauer, but everyone calls me Lali and I'm 15 years old. My family and I live in Erding a little town near Munich. My dad, Rudi, is German and my mum, Raquel, is from Ecuador, but she has been living in Germany for 23 years. This is why I'm also fluent in Spanish. My older sister Martina is 22 years old and since she studies dentistry in Regensburg she doesn't live with us anymore.

In my spare time I love listening to music. One of my favorite singers is Tom Odell, but I like any kind of music. I also play two instruments: The violoncello and the piano. I tried to teach myself to play the guitar, but I haven't been very successful yet. My home town isn't very far from the Alps so we often go skiing in winter. Skiing is my favorite sport, but I love swimming, too. I also enjoy spending time with my friends. We often go shopping or just hang out together, talking about different things and listening to music.

I'd love to take part in this exchange for several reasons. Last summer I went to New York with my dad and I loved it! That was my first visit to America. Now I would like to explore other cities and parts of the country. I would love the opportunity to get to know the American culture, the school system and the general way of life through this exchange. A part from learning to be open minded in order to make new friends and being a part of another culture, I'm sure my English would improve considerably, too. Besides, I would learn how to get along without knowing anybody at the beginning. This exchange offers a challenging and wonderful once in a lifetime experience.

