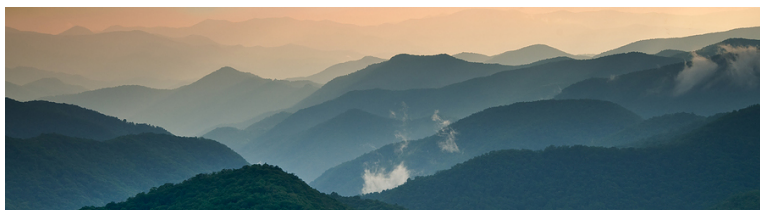




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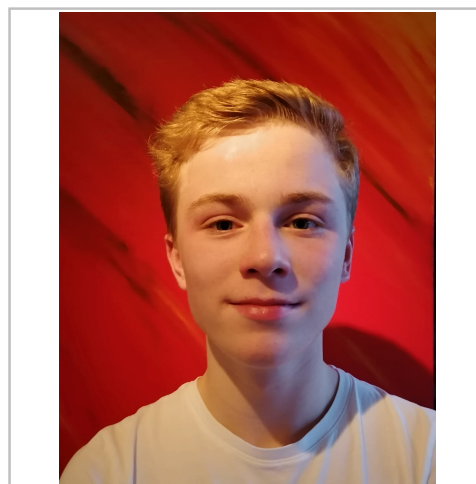
This form gives us information about you - who you are, what you like / don't like, special needs, and what you hope to gain from this educational experience abroad. This helps us place you with a host family best-suited for your personality, and enables us to make your stay with us in America as great as it can be!

***Required**

Email Address *

felixbruns06@gmail.com

Upload a Smiling Headshot *



Name (first and last) *

Felix Nikolas Bruns

Country of Citizenship *

Germany

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) *

3/3/06

Program Applying for *

- ☐ Asheville A6 (July 2 - Aug. 13)
- ☐ Asheville A4 (June 25 - July 23)
- ☐ Asheville A3 (July 2 - July 23)
- ☐ Asheville B3 (July 23 - Aug. 13)
- ☐
- ☐ Other:

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WhatsApp Phone Number
(if different from mobile phone number)

Facebook or Instagram Handle? *

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This is me! Tell the reader about your favourite hobbies, sports/ activities, books, music, TV shows; general likes and dislikes. Write anything you consider really important to know about you!

My hobbies are very different. I'm actually interested in almost everything and always open to new things. But I really discovered a few things for myself: On the sporting level, there's handball and golf. Two sports that couldn't be more different and yet they fascinate me, each in its own way.

Handball: The team sport that depends on clever combinations and fast passes, combined with fitness, speed and strength. A game that can only be won as a team. I've been playing handball since I was 8, I started when I was little. Since then, this sport has fascinated me, which is also due to a great team of coaches, great teammates and many victories and championships that we have won in recent years. But it's also really fun to watch the pros on TV or in the stadium, because then you can see how far hard training and strict discipline can take you.

But not only handball gives me a lot of joy, also golf always conjures up a smile on my face (now for about 2 years). It's just a completely different sport! Because golf combines technique with a tough mindset. And since golf is an individual sport, you can play it well with your friends, cousins, parents and grandparents. But not only the fellow players make playing golf so worthwhile, there is also the nature and the golf courses that give the game an individuality. Depending on how windy and wet it is, you have to play the golf balls differently. A new course hides new difficulties: The green is sloping, there is a bunker at the back. All these are things that you have to explore on a new golf course and that make the game so interesting and offer me the perfect opportunity to meet new, great people in nature.

I'm also interested in other ball sports, so I like watching basketball with my grandfather and our friends, also in the stadium, unfortunately that's only possible to a limited extent because of Corona. But not only do I enjoy watching basketball, I also enjoy playing it with my friends in my spare time, always looking for tricks that I can learn from the pros. Unfortunately, I can't play basketball in a club because I simply don't have the time for tournaments and training, because I always have handball games at the weekend and I usually go to the golf course as well. In addition to basketball, I also like to play tennis and soccer, but both are worse than good. I also like to jog.

But I'm not only interested in sports activities, I also like to play the drums and all kinds of other percussion instruments, my favourite instrument is the timpani. I've had drums lessons for 9 years now, but I've never lost the joy on playing the drums. No, I don't only play on my own, but also in an orchestra and in a percussion-ensemble. My favourite tracks are "Polar Express" and "Egyptian March" as there are very cool drum notes in both tracks.

In the evenings and when I have time, I also like to read. I used to read a lot of novels and thrillers, but currently I really enjoy reading (auto)biographies and non-fiction books, e.g. by Stephen Hawking, Elon Musk, Warren Buffett. I find it very interesting how people have managed to acquire a lot of knowledge and then, with a lot of hard work and a bit of luck, become successful.

I also like to watch films and series. My favourite series is SUITS, but I also like to watch the "German (Münsteraner) Tatort" and compilations (Best Of) from the German Bundestag, because I would also describe myself as being quite interested in politics. In summary, one can say that I am really open-minded and constantly trying to improve myself. You can see that at school too, because I'm very ambitious and always try to get the best grades. My favourite subjects are physical education and maths, because I really love doing sports and solving problems logically. I've been taking Bili lessons since sixth grade, which means I have bilingual lessons at our school, which are German and English

In my free time...Tell us more of your hobbies and interests outside of school. You love sports? You play an instrument? Have you been awarded a prize? Please don't be shy to share if there is something you are really good at and proud of. *

In my free time I do different things. As I mentioned earlier, I love sports. That's why I have handball training twice and golf training once or twice a week. We have known each other in our handball team for several years, which is why we meet privately from time to time. Our cohesion is also due to our numerous titles, so we have been handball champions in our region several times, but we have also taken part in larger tournaments and won many prizes. The handball games often take place at the weekends, so I have to manage my time well, as we usually drive 1 to 2 hours to the games. I am also proud of myself and my brother when it comes to handball, since we have our own way of communicating and playing, which we have now developed for several years. This often makes us both top scorers. In addition to handball games at the weekend, we also have golf tournaments, because I also play on our golf team. I've also met new friends at golf, with whom I play a round from time to time. But I also meet up with my friends from school to play basketball and stuff like that. If I have nothing to do at the weekend, I also like to go jogging and do strength exercises. I also like to take part in local races, so in recent years I've often been the fastest in my age group and I've already won a race.

In addition to my sporting hobbies, I also have musical hobbies: That's why I also have drums lessons, percussion ensembles and orchestras. I also play in the ensemble and the orchestra with friends from school. In drums lessons, we then practise pieces from the orchestra, from the percussion ensemble or from school music lessons, because we also do a lot of practice there, because I'm in a music class. This means that I have more music lessons than other students at our school, so that we can deepen our music even more and then apply our knowledge in practice.

At the same time, I am also a member of the Conformation staff, which means that I look after and organize events such as camps, church services and excursions with our pastor for younger children. If I have nothing to do for once, I like to read and play video games with my friends. But I also like to watch documentaries and films because I always try to be up-to-date. As I mentioned earlier, I'm interested in politics, technology and economics, I like to deal with these topics and then discuss one or the other topic with my friends. I also like to play with my dog or go for a walk with him.

This is my family! Please briefly share details about your own family and your favourite activities together *

Since my whole family lives in the same region - my grandparents live about 20 and 300 meters away - I spend a lot of time with my family. My family consists of my parents, Thies and Meike, my two brothers Tarje and Tammo and me. We also have a dog (Labrador) called Fiete. My parents are both doctors, My brothers and I all still live at home as I am the oldest with my twin brother Tarje (we are both currently 15 years old). Tammo is three years younger. Our dog is four years old. Since my brothers and I have many hobbies in common, we spend a lot of time together, but I'm not in the same class with my twin brother. I don't just spend a lot of time with my brothers, I also go golfing with my parents, we often eat very well together, we like to travel and they support me and my brothers as much as possible. We also like to watch movies and have a game night from time to time. But I don't only spend a lot of time with my parents and my brothers, I also spend a lot of time with my grandparents. I like to go golfing and enjoy drinking tea with them, attending events and chatting. I also like to visit my aunts and uncles because they all live in our region.

Activities we share as a family: Usually families share some interests and have special rituals or traditions all members do together. What do you like to do together as a family? *

As a family we spend a lot of time together: we eat together, we go on vacations together, we watch movies together etc. I spend even more time with my brothers as we have some friends in common due to the same school and common interests. My family and I eat together every morning, lunch and evening, and we often watch TV in the evenings. I actually watch every game of our local basketball team with my grandfather. During Easter holidays, my family and I always go skiing in northern Italy, but we've also gone hiking there. Our grandparents often visit us there. During autumn holidays we often go to Mallorca, where we hike, go to the beach, enjoy the beautiful landscape and the great weather. We often get visits from our grandparents there, too.

Why do you want to come to America? Please tell your host family why you'd make a great addition to their family this summer. Write why they will enjoy having you stay with them and what you will contribute to their living. Explain what makes you special and why they are rewarded picking YOU! *

There are many, very different reasons why I want to visit America and learn about American way of life. It has all started with stories from my mother and grandfather, both of whom did an exchange year in America. And they both could only report positive things and still have friends from back then, with whom they are still in contact. I would also like to get to know this international, even intercontinental friendship. New friends that you will hopefully stay in touch with for life. But I'm also interested in typical tourism things: the sights, the American lifestyle. The American school system is also linked to this: what does it look like, are the universities that are always being talked about really that great and so on. And when one speaks of America, the American dream is always there: from rags to riches. Is that possible, and if so how? All in all: Life in America. What does typical American everyday life look like, what are the differences to Germany, maybe even to Europe. Are there differences between the individual states of America? In addition to the cultural background, there are also very pragmatic reasons: improving my language skills, having fun, getting to know new things, becoming more independent. Perhaps my job opportunities will improve as well, since I will gain experience abroad, but I would also like to rediscover and develop my (social) skills. But I don't just want to take a lot with me from America, I also want to give a lot. I hope that my host family are also very interested in typical "German" life. I also believe that you can have a lot of fun with me and also find a friend for life who is very interested and open to everything.

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Dear host family, first of all I want to say a big thank you to you: thank you for taking part in the "exchange program", thank you for taking the time to read my letter and dealing with me, thank you for agreeing to include me in your family. Thank you for putting your trust in me.

Since we don't know each other yet, I'll try to use this letter to introduce myself and my family, my hobbies and interests, my everyday life in Germany and my thoughts on going abroad. First some information about me and my person: I'm Felix and I'm currently 15 years old, but on the day of my departure I'll be 16 years old. As you may know, Felix means "the

lucky one" in Latin and that's how I would describe myself. I live with my family, i.e. with my parents Thies and Meike and my two brothers Tarje (my twin brother) and Tammo (my little brother) as well as our dog, a Labrador, named Fiete, in a medium-sized city in northern Germany. For me, Lower Saxony (the federal state I live in) is one of the most beautiful federal states of all, because I love the sea, the North German culture and the nature up here in the north. My mother and father both work as doctors, my mother in a doctor's office and my father in a hospital. In 2025 I will complete my Abitur, as I am at a Gymnasium (this is the most demanding school in the German school system). After graduating from Gymnasium, I would like to study law, economics or medicine, as I am very interested in all three of these areas. Besides school, I am interested in sports and music. I actually like all kinds of sports, but I've discovered handball and golf for myself. I've been playing handball for 8 years now, also in a team with my brother Tarje. It works very well because me and my brother complement each other perfectly, so we have already won many championships. I've been playing golf for 2 years now with my whole family. It's really fun to spend time together in the fresh air. I also played football before and swam for a club. I also like jogging on weekends, and I've also successfully participated in competitions. In addition to my sporting hobbies, I also play the drums and other percussion instruments, both in a percussion-ensemble and in an orchestra. I am also involved in the church as I am a confirmation worker, which means that I help our pastor organize camps, take care of confirmation candidates or run events. I also often meet my friends, sometimes just to hang out, sometimes to do sports, sometimes to talk and so on.

I am looking forward to four exciting weeks with you, during which I will meet new people, experience the American lifestyle and hopefully improve my English. I am really looking forward to my stay abroad and would be happy to spend this time with you and to become part of your family! Thank you for your commitment and trust,

Felix

Why pick me?

In this section, you have the opportunity to share about yourself. Who are you, what do you like to do, and why do you want to come to America? This information will help place you with a suitable host family - so don't be shy! The more information you share, the better.

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Parent/ Family Contact Information

Parents' Names: *

Meike & Thies Bruns

Our Children's Names and Ages: *

Tarje (15 years), Felix (15 years), Tammo (13 years)

A convenient mobile Phone Number: *

+49 174 86 79 229

Skype ID: *

live:thies.bruns

In case of an Emergency, please contact (Name of Contact and phone number): *

Meike Niemann-Bruns (mother): +49 174 829 66 81

Thies Bruns (father): +49 174 86 79 229

Student Information (to be completed by the parent/s)

We know you are happy for your son or daughter to travel to America and become part of this program.

Saying this, however, we also assume it is not easy to "let go" as you have hopes, fears, and expectations for their trip.

Please share your feelings "from parents to parents" with a potential host family on this page.

What are the first three words that come to your mind to describe your child? *

polite, ambitious, sportive

Total years of English classes in home country: *

6

Which level best describes your child's written English comprehension and ability? *

- ☐ Expert (Performs at the level of a native or near-native speaker; can mentor others)
- ☒ Proficient (Performs without assistance. Can adapt successful strategies to new contexts)
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Which level best describes your child's oral (spoken and listening) English comprehension and ability? *

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Other languages spoken by your child:

Spanish

What are the future goals of your child? (Ex. career choice or higher education degree)

Felix will graduate from the German High School in 2025 with the University-Entrance-Diploma. He is a very ambitious pupil, so we think he will achieve everything he goes for. At the moment his goal is to study human medicine, law and/or economics.

Please explain your child's household chores or responsibilities. What are they expected to do around the house/ to assist the family?

Felix' responsibility every day is to go on a walk with our dog for 30 minutes. If we ask for help he also vacuums the kitchen and living room or empties the dishwasher. We might also ask him to bring the garbage bins to the street.

Is your son/daughter involved in any kind of volunteering? (Ex. tutoring, coaching sports teams, helping the homeless, environmental projects, etc.) If yes, please specify.

Felix does volunteer work for our local lutheran church. He works with our pastor and accompanies younger children to find their way of faith. Felix also helps in our handball club to organize local tournaments for younger children.

In your opinion, what are your child's personal and/or English-language strengths and weaknesses? Would you say your child is rather independent or more family-oriented? Please share anything that would help a host family to get an impression of your son or daughter.

Felix is a very polite and empathic young man. His very good English skills will support him adapting to unknown people and situations, since he needs a bit of time to evaluate new settings. Felix is family-oriented; he grew up with lots of family members living just in the close neighborhood. He is the one being asked by his younger brother and cousins to explain difficult contexts. Felix is ambitious in everything he starts, giving his best to achieve his goals. Felix is reliable and honest.

Health Information (to be completed by the parent/s)

Please share with us any pertinent health information that will enable us to keep your child safe and healthy during their stay with us in the U.S.

Does your child suffer from any allergies? If yes, please specify and describe the severity and treatments. *

None

Does your child follow a special diet? If so, please explain. Describe eating habits and favorite foods. *

No special diet. Felix has three meals each day, starting with cereals or bread in the morning, lunch (meat, potatoes, vegetables, noodles) and dinner (sandwiches).

Has your child ever been hospitalized? If yes, please specify: *

No

Please indicate any medications your child will bring to the USA, the purpose of using them, and if you want the host family to administer the intake or not.

None

Please indicate any other pertinent medical information and/or conditions that you would want a caretaker to know about (ex. ADHD, weight/eating problems, anxieties, seizures)

None

Photo Album

Please attach several photos which best represent you/your family. Let the viewer know who is in the photo and when/where it was taken. Select photos that give the viewer a true impression of who you are!

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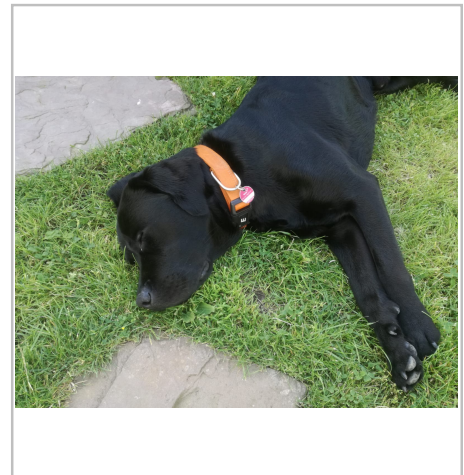
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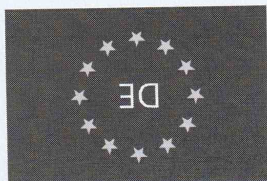
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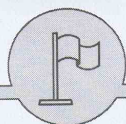
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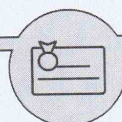
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Zulassungsinhaber:
oder Hersteller des Impfstoffs:
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Biontech Manufacturing GmbH

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Member State of vaccination:

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