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2022 Student Information Form

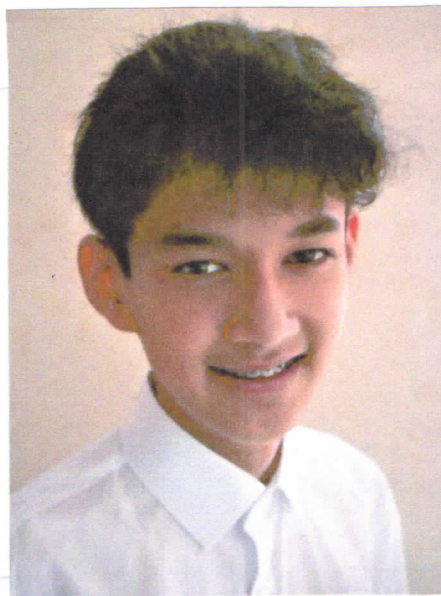
This form gives us information about you - who you are, what you like / don't like, special needs, and what you hope to gain from this educational experience abroad. This helps us place you with a host family best-suited for your personality, and enables us to make your stay with us in America as great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

***Required**

Email Address *

jonas.feldmann@outlook.com

Upload a Smiling Headshot *



Name (first and last) *

Jonas Lee Feldmann

Country of Citizenship *

Germany

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) *

9/17/06

09/17/2006

Program Applying for *

- Right
- ☒ 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:

Contact Information

Best Contact Email (student) *

jonas.feldmann@outlook.com

Mobile Phone (student) *

+491779256027

**WhatsApp Phone Number
(if different from mobile phone number)**

Facebook or Instagram Handle? *

Does not apply.

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.

This is me! Tell the reader about your favorite hobbies, sports/activities, books, music, TV shows; general likes and dislikes.

Write anything you consider really important to know about you! *

I am Jonas, 15 years old and interested in collecting new experiences followed by memories. I enjoy sports like basketball or athletics. Four to five days a week me and my friend are going to the gym. I'm taking part in our school-orchestra, where I play the drums. I also find pleasure in cooking for my family. My mother is from China. Sometimes I watch her making asian food and I'm quite interested in trying out new recipes.

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. *

Currently I really enjoy sports. As I mentioned my friends and I play a lot of basketball after school. We aren't too good yet, but I think that could change. Last year I took part in an athletics club as well, but that wasn't really mine. So me and my friends joined the gym last summer and that's really fun.

I also took lessons in music playing the drums, which I enjoyed for a couple of years. I even got placed 2nd in a regional competition. I'm still taking part in our school orchestra, which takes place once a week.

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

I have got a 17 year old sister, named Isabell. My sister is a really nice person. We do have a lot of fun together. Right now she's doing an exchange year, in Seattle, WA. My father loves to play music. He has got his own home studio, playing the guitar, bass, piano and even singing sometimes. My mother is from China. She's teaching me and my sister how to cook delicious chinese food and she always wants to travel.

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? *

On holidays we travel with our caravan. We spend almost every summer in Denmark at a musicians campsite. There is a big lake where you can swim, but the best part is the nights in the "hut". There are always musicians playing some songs, while people have a drink and play some games. I love the atmosphere there. We've also been to France, Sweden and Italy.

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! *

If you'd like I could bring the european and chinese culture a bit closer to you. I think I am a person, that you can have fun with, but I'm reliable too. I will of course take my household responsibilites and do any favors, if I am asked.

"Dear host family!" Please write a nice letter to a host family that might be helpful to understand more who you are, and what your motivation is to visit the USA. Use this space to add anything you haven't said so far that you'd want your host family to know about you!

Dear host family,

I'd love to spend my summer in your family. I am interested in the way of living in the United States of America. The 4th of July is a day I'd like to experience too. So far I only know America from movies, TV and books, but I'd really like to know what's America like. I'd love to watch a basketball game in real life. I already did some research about Asheville and its geographical position. I looked for some outdoor activities around Asheville and I found things like "Canyoneeing" and "Zipline racing" what sounds like a lot of fun. I'd appreciate it if you'd choose me. Hopefully we will see us soon!

Greetings from Germany
Jonas

Parent/Family Contact Information

Parents' Names: *

Lothar and Yan Feldmann

Our Children's Names and Ages: *

Isabell (17), Jonas (15)

A convenient mobile Phone Number: *

+4915165179091

Skype ID: *

None

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

Lothar Feldmann, +49 4222 946 973 (Home), +49 4222 946 670 (Office)
Yan Feldmann, +49 176 23204414 (Mobile)

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? *

reliable, self-employed and friendly

Total years of English classes in home country: *

7 years

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)
- ☒ Competent (Performs well, with some assistance. Can apply strategies to some assignments while needing assistance on some others)
- ☐ Beginner (Performs with a basic understanding, but needs further assistance. Demonstrates little fluency in the target language.)
- ☐ Novice (Performs, but not without assistance from instructors or peers)

Which level best describes your child's oral (spoken and listening) 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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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 he doesn't.

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

No doesn't apply.

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

Other languages spoken by your child:

Some chinese and french, native german

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

Highschool graduation based on mathematics, english and politics.

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

Some laundry, some gardening, some cooking and do the groceries

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.

unfortunately none

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.

Jonas is a young man taking his responsibilities. He's going to high-school and hardly needs any assistance at school. He's used to make his own decisions, but he knows to ask for help whenever necessary. We enjoy travelling together. Jonas is always interested in learning and in making new experiences. He's a calm and friendly person.



Here you can see me and my cousin playing basketball.



This is, waht our christmasevening looks like; having food with my grandmother.



Playing 8-Pool-Ball with my Dad is fun too.



Here you can see my sister and me building our summerhouse.



This was our trip to an Island called Rügen.