

Dear Host Family,

My name is Jane Smith. I am 18 years old and come from a small town called Brockenhurst in the New Forest in England. I have just completed my A-Levels and would like to come to the US as an au pair before heading to University. I don't smoke or drink and I can swim well. I passed my driving test last July, and have driven quite a lot since then.

I enjoy arts and drama and have been involved in various activities for many years. I am part of a theatre sports group and have done ballet since I was 4 years old. I sing in two choirs and play the trombone. I love to sing and dance and hope to study drama at university when I come back to England. I volunteered in a local program in my town that aims to give under-privileged children the chance to be involved in drama. At the end of the summer I helped these children to perform 'The Pirates of Penzance' at the town hall. I also like to keep fit and play tennis twice a week. I was quite good at volleyball at school.

I come from a typical family. My father, John, is an accountant and my mother, Edna, is a stay at home mum. She volunteers in our church programs and helps out at my younger brother, Jack's school. We have a golden retriever named Timmy and I have two goldfish, Fishy Wishy and Wacky Jacky. We live in a medium-sized house about half a mile from the shops in the middle of Brockenhurst. Of course I have to go into Southampton or Bournemouth for bigger shopping trips. Both my Dad and Jack play football on Sunday mornings and my Mum is the head of the local gardening club. We enjoy playing music together and going on hikes.

I am so excited to come to the US as an au pair. I think that spending a year with small children and living with an American family will make me more mature and grounded and ready to perform well in my studies, when I go away to university.

I hope to talk to you soon!

Jane