## Dear Future Host Family,

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, and I hope you and everyone in your family are having a wonderful day. My name is Ava Knecht, and I'm 16 years old. I live in the countryside town of Enumclaw, Washington, USA. I really appreciate your generosity, and I am very grateful for your willingness to sponsor students like myself interested in visiting Japan. I am incredibly excited about the possibility of becoming an "American Ambassador" and experiencing Japanese culture through your hospitality.

To share some information about me, I would say that I am kind, respectful, resilient, and positive. I love learning about the world around me and especially seeing new things and studying how they work. I also love doing my best to make people smile. My interests include playing video games, listening to music, and reading and during my free time. I also play golf, water polo, and enjoy hanging out with my friends and family. I am also a part of ASB and a club called DECA at my school. If you were to ask my family to describe me, they would say I was funny, hardworking, and smart.

I live with my mom, my two younger siblings, and many, many pets in Enumclaw. My family and I like to spend time together and go run errands (particularly including going shopping!). I also have learned to take care of younger children by babysitting my brother and sister when my mom has to go somewhere or do something and cannot take us with her. I love meeting new people and learning about far away places like Japan, which is why I was thrilled to tell my mom about MNCC and the opportunities I could experience such as this host program. She is very supportive and has always encouraged me to pursue my passions. If chosen, I would be very excited about trying new foods and experiencing a new culture and place with your family.

I am very excited about meeting everyone. I know that becoming part of a new family can be a big adjustment, and I just want to let you know that I am always willing to help with chores and adjust to all family rules, just as I do now with my own family. I am also eager to participate in as many family activities and family routines as possible. I always try do my best to help everyone out and hope to make this a positive experience for everyone. I feel that one of the most important things about life is to make memories and meaningful connections.

Thank you for your kindness and consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to meet everyone in your family if I am chosen. Thank you again for reading this letter. Have a magical day.

Sincerely, Ava Knecht