

## Håvard

Hello dear (future) family. My name is Håvard and I come from a little town in the eastern part of Norway. I am going to spend a year in The United States and hope I could spend it with you. The reason for my journey is to meet new people, make new friends, learn English better, learn about other cultures and to understand the world's most important country better, among other things.

I look on myself as a reflected and evenhanded person, I don't like to draw hurried conclusions about persons and political matters, and I like to push my limits. I don't considerate myself as the most active person but I constantly try to improve myself. On my spare time I spend time with my friends, listen to music, look on TV or surfing on the internet and train/ being outside. Recently I started on the local Judo club and I hope I can be pretty good, but I don't care if I do not get the possibility to continue with it when I go to The States.

Music is very important to me, I listen allot to my CDs and to my MP3 player. I mostly listen to British and American progressive, rock and metal groups, but I have nothing against other genres. My favorite band is Iron Maiden and I am going to their concert in Bergen just before I leave Norway.

I live on a farm with both my parents and my two brothers. We don't have cows anymore, but we have some cats, hens and rabbits, taking care of them are one of my duties and one of my favorite hobbies. We often spend our vacation in the Norwegian mountains and we go on trips between mountain hotels by foot or in the winter on skis, we spent the last summer in Poland, France and in the mountains. My parents are as strict as they should be, I am not allowed to smoke, drink and I have to behave properly, and I agree with them. My relationship with them is very good and we often discuss things, we quarrel sometimes about whom of my brothers and I that should wash the dishes make dinner and other small things, but we never have any serious fights. Actually just before I started on this letter me and my father was out skiing together.

At home I have various other duties in addition of feeding the animals, like cleaning my room, wash the dishes, vacuuming, changing tires on the car, painting and various other things. Sometimes I make dinner to, but I am not any good at that.

My favorite subjects is social science and history, it is not necessarily the classes I like so much, but I spend a lot of time chatting with one of my friends about how political and historical events has changed the world. Since USA is such a big and powerful nation I am eager to learn more about how it actually is there and not just get the (wrong) impressions from TV and internet. In the future I hope I will take advantage of my experiences from my time in the States in jobs in for example politics, but I believe that I probably will work with persons with various problems in school, integration or maybe working abroad in Africa or something, because I think it sounds exiting and meaningful to help other people.

My hopes for the future is to become a better person, become wiser, make the world a better place, build a house in Norway and get a wife and some kids, and of course stay in contact with you.

I hope you are an open and active and family with a sense of humor and willing to learn me about America, I would be really great if you choose me and I am sure we will get along very nicely.

Dear host family, thank you very much, I appreciate your hospitality and I am looking forward to meet you.

Best regards from Norway 

### About Haavard

Haavard lives with his mother, father and two younger brothers. Haavard is a harmonious and calm boy with a sense of humor. He is independent, adapt to most situations and thrive largely where he is. The two times he has changed schools, he has quickly adapted. He has not a large circle of friends, but the comrades he surrounds himself with, is solid and nice friends he has had in several years. Haavard has a controlled behavior and we have always had good feedback from the schools he has attended. Haavard are home loving and have a few tasks he performs in the home. Among other things, vacuuming, washing, care of the hen house and the other animals, changing tires and washing cars, cutting grass, etc. Haavard is reliable and makes it the responsibility is put on. Although he was born late in the year, we believe that he is mature for his age. We believe Haavard can greatly benefit and enjoy a year abroad.

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*Katrine*

Katrine  
Mother

*Jan*

Jan  
father