



## Student Information & Letters

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ (To be assigned by ARISE's main office)

Student's FIRST (GIVEN) Name: Donato

Gender:

How old will you be when you arrive in the U.S.? 17

Please choose your home country from the list below. Brazil

What is your preferred grade of enrollment?

ARISE cannot guarantee your enrollment in the grade of your choice. This decision is at the sole discretion of the school.

Program Length:

Do you have any brothers and/or sisters?

Please list the number of siblings and their ages.

|          | How Many? | Ages? |
|----------|-----------|-------|
| Brothers | 0         |       |
| Sisters  | 1         | 5     |

Please describe your relationship with your sibling(s)?

We live in different houses, so we end up not seeing each other that often, but I love her

Do you have a religious affiliation?

Please list your religious affiliation below. Christian

How often do you participate in religious activities?

Not Often

Do you have any professional/career goals?

Yes

If yes, please explain.

I intend on becoming a successful programmer, since I love computer science

Have you ever participated in a student exchange program before?

No

**SPORTING/ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES:** Please select any sporting activities in which you participate by choosing how often you participate in this activity from the dropdown list.

Gymnastics

Often (Once or Twice a Week)

Horseback Riding

Seldom (A Few Times a Year)

Ice Skating

Seldom (A Few Times a Year)

Swimming

Seldom (A Few Times a Year)

Skiing/Snowboarding

Seldom (A Few Times a Year)

If there are any other sports that you participate in on a regular basis that were not included on the list above, please describe them below.

have practiced many sports when I was younger, but now I don't do it very often.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** Please select any of the following activities in which you participate by choosing how often you participate in this activity from the dropdown list.

Chess

Often (Once or Twice a Week)

Computers/Technology

Very Often (Almost Daily)

Cooking

Seldom (A Few Times a Year)

Drawing

Occasionally (Once or Twice a Month)

Painting

Occasionally (Once or Twice a Month)

Video Games

Often (Once or Twice a Week)

Please list any other activities that you may participate in on a regular basis that were not included on the list above.

I play RPGs like Dungeons and Dragons, and other table top/card games

Please list some activities that you would like to participate in during your exchange program? (i.e., school clubs, sports, extracurricular activities, etc.)

I would like to play chess and draw either on a school club or on an extracurricular activity

Do you play a musical instrument?

No

Do you have any pets at home?

Yes

How many, and what type of pets do you have (i.e., cats, dogs, birds, etc.)? Do you help take care of them?

I have a cat and a dog, but I'm not the one who takes care of them.

Can you live with a host family that has dogs in the home?

Yes

Can you live with a host family that has cats in the home?

Yes

Do you have any other allergies (food, pollen, medications, etc.)?

No

Please note that any allergies MUST be noted by your doctor on the Student Health Record.

Do you have any special dietary practices or needs? For example, vegetarian, gluten-free, no pork, etc.

No

What is your favorite food?

I love sushi and barbecue

What is your least favorite food?

I'm not that big of a tomato fan

Can you adjust to a home where one or more members of your host family smokes?

Only if they smoke outdoors

Are you willing to be placed in a single parent home where there are no other host siblings? (Please note that a female student will NOT be placed in the home of a single man.)

No

How long have you been studying English?

6 years

## Student Questionnaire

**1) Please provide at least 3 reasons why you wish to become an exchange student in the United States?**

1. I dream on taking the 18C course on MIT.
2. I want to learn about a new cultur, so I can practice my English.
3. Personal growth and independence.

**2) Please describe something you are passionate about (a particular sport or activity, pets, cooking/baking, etc.).**

I love games, either online games, offline games, table top games, card games, even though I'm not that good on them, I still love them. I also love cats and dogs, petting them is great.

**3) Please describe your relationship with your natural parents/legal guardians.**

I'm very close to my mother, I tell her every thing, she might some times be a little to protective when it comes to me, but I love her and she is always there when I need her the most. My father is a little different, I'm not as close to him as I am close to my mother, and he is definitely not that protective, but whenever I ask him for help, he is always there to do it, my mother usually helps me without me asking and end up making things worse, but my father, enemy though he is not that proactive and protective, he aways helps me when I ask him.

**4) How do you hope to share your culture with your American host family? Why should an American host family choose to host you, and how will they benefit from this experience? Do you believe that you can build a long-lasting friendship with your future host family and American friends? Please describe what you will do to achieve this goal.**

I think a host family would benefit from choosing me, because I am able to take care of myself and help others, so I can build a friendship with my host family and other Americans.

**5) Please describe your personality below. Are you adaptable, friendly, outgoing, etc.?**

I would say I'm very adaptable, and even though I can some times be a little bit shy, I won't let that suppress my friendly side. I'm also very independent.

**6) If you are placed in a host family with TEENAGE HOST SIBLINGS, how do you plan to build a positive relationship with them?**

I would try to engage in activities with my host siblings, try engaging with them in and out of school and maybe even help them in school to the best of my abilities

**7) If you are placed in a host family with YOUNG CHILDREN, how do you plan build a positive relationship with them?**

I would help to take care of them, play with them, help them when needed, be on their side, always ready to help whenever they need my assistance which whatever they need.

8) As you know, many people from around the world face a variety of challenges each day. For example, some do not have access to clean water, others do not have food to eat, others might be facing a chronic illness, etc.

**If you could solve one problem in the world, what would it be and why?**

I would probably solve social inequality, because by doing that everyone would have the same rights and opportunities, that way other problems like access to clean water, food and housing would all be solved with it.

## STUDENT LETTER:

Dear Host Family,

Hello! My name is Donato, and I am very excited about the opportunity to participate in this exchange program and hopefully become part of your family for some time. I would like to thank you for opening your home and sharing your culture with an international student. I know this experience will be very special, and I hope we can create many good memories together.

I am currently a high school student, and one of the things that most defines me is my curiosity. I really enjoy learning new things, especially subjects related to technology, science, mathematics, and programming. Ever since I was younger, I have loved understanding how things work and finding creative ways to solve problems. Programming became one of my passions after I started learning some game development, and now I am studying and exploring.

I also participate in academic competitions and robotics activities at school. Over the past few years, I have participated in mathematics, astronomy, biology, and robotics competitions, and these experiences taught me how important teamwork, discipline, and perseverance are. One of the most exciting experiences for me was qualifying for national-level robotics competitions with my team.

Even though I enjoy studying a lot, I also like relaxing and spending time with friends and family. I enjoy games (like Dungeons and Dragons, chess and other tabletop games), music, movies, and conversations about interesting topics. I am the type of person who can spend hours discussing technology, philosophy, science fiction, or even random curiosities just for fun. I also enjoy learning about different cultures and ways of thinking because I believe there is always something valuable to learn from other people.

One of the main reasons I want to participate in this exchange program is because I want to grow both academically and personally. I want to improve my English, become more independent, and experience daily life in another country from a real family perspective. I think living with a host family is one of the best ways to truly understand another culture because it allows you to experience traditions, routines, and values in an authentic way.

At the same time, I would also love to share my own culture with you. I would be very happy to talk about Brazil, teach some Portuguese words and expressions, share Brazilian music and traditions, and maybe even help prepare some Brazilian food if we have the opportunity. I think cultural exchange becomes truly meaningful when both sides share parts of their lives with each other.

As a person, I would describe myself as calm, respectful, responsible, and open-minded. I try my best to be considerate of others and adapt well to new situations. I know that living in another country can sometimes be challenging, but I am ready to learn, help whenever possible, and make the most of every experience. I genuinely hope to become not just a guest, but someone you can feel comfortable with and enjoy having around.

I am especially excited about all the small everyday experiences that come with an exchange program. Whether it is eating dinner together, celebrating holidays, talking after school, or exploring new places, I believe those moments are what make cultural exchange unforgettable.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my letter and consider hosting me. I truly appreciate this opportunity, and I hope we can meet in the future. I am very excited to learn from you, share experiences, and create wonderful memories together.

Sincerely,

Donato

**Do you certify that the information included in this application is true and correct to the best of your ability?**

Yes

**Please type your name below as an electronic signature.**

**First (Given) Name**

Donato

**Date:**

Friday, June 5, 2026

## PARENTS LETTER:

“To the Future Host Family,

Hello, my name is Jéssica, I am 34 years old and Donato’s mother. We live in Brazil.

I would like to begin this letter by thanking the host family for welcoming my son into your home and for giving him the opportunity to fulfill one of the greatest dreams of his life: studying and living in the United States. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for choosing our son.

Donato is a boy who was raised in a Christian home, so you can be sure that you will be welcoming into your house an honest, respectful, intelligent, hardworking, cheerful, and calm young man.

Since he was 8 years old, he has been studying English because he has always dreamed of living outside Brazil, and he grew up understanding the academic importance of achieving the future he desires. He has a very busy routine in Brazil: he studies in the morning, and in the afternoons he balances workdays with extra classes. On weekends, he is usually spending time with family and friends.

At home, he is a very loving boy. He is always smiling, singing, or telling jokes. He grew up surrounded by younger children, so he is very caring with children and animals. He is very easygoing, does not create problems, respects everyone, and is always willing to help. He is the joy of our home.

He loves computer games, board games, quad bikes/ATVs, bookstores, movies, and music.

Donato always enjoys learning new things. He makes an effort to learn new recipes, and currently he is learning how to assemble furniture at home.

At school, he has always earned excellent grades and regularly participates in state and national competitions in robotics, mathematics, astronomy, and chess. This is very important to him because it has helped him make great friends and learn the importance of teamwork. Whenever possible, I take him to meet his friends at the mall, the movies, restaurants, and birthday parties.

He is a very respectful boy who gets along well with everyone around him. He is humble, does not judge others, and respects other people’s space.

We will miss him very much during this time, but our hearts are filled with happiness for such an important achievement in his life.

This exchange program will be a life-changing experience for him and will help him grow not only as a student but also as a person.

You can be sure that you will be welcoming a boy who will bring joy, respect, and humility into your home.

Once again, thank you for choosing our son. We hope that one day we may welcome you to Brazil and repay your generosity. You will always be in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Jéssica  
Donato’s mother”

“To the Future Host Family,

My name is Flavio. I am 44 years old, Brazilian, and the father of Donato. He is currently in his second year of high school at Colégio Simbios. It is a pleasure for me to write this letter and introduce my son to your family.

As his father, I may naturally be a little biased, but I can sincerely say that Donato has always made me very proud—not only because of his academic achievements, but especially because of the person he is.

Donato is a very intelligent and well-mannered young man. He has always performed very well in school and has consistently earned excellent grades. He speaks English very well and has always shown a genuine interest in learning and understanding the world around him.

He is naturally more reserved and calm. He is not someone who seeks attention or gets involved in conflicts. On the contrary, he is thoughtful, respectful, and comfortable in his own space. He has a curious mind and truly enjoys learning about many different subjects. He has always had that “nerdy” side in the best sense of the word: he enjoys discovering new things, asking questions, and understanding how things work.

Beyond academics, what makes me most proud is his character. Donato is humble, polite, responsible, and kind. He respects people, values family, and carries himself with maturity. He is not someone who creates trouble or unnecessary conflict and always tries to treat others with respect.

I sincerely believe this exchange experience will be very important for him, and I am fully confident that he will be a respectful, grateful, and positive presence in your home.

I also believe he will embrace this opportunity with responsibility and appreciation, learning from your culture and family life while also sharing a little of our Brazilian culture with you.

Thank you sincerely for considering Donato and for opening your home and hearts to students like him. I truly appreciate your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

Flavio  
Father of Donato”

Please sign your name(s) below by typing in following boxes.

**Legal Guardian #1's Electronic Signature:** Jessica Jaquelliny

**Legal Guardian #2's Electronic Signature (if applicable):** Flávio

**Date** Friday, June 5, 2026

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