

## Dear Host family,

My name is Lisa Zettl and I am nineteen years old. Actually I am born in Munich and have lived there until the age of twelve.

Furthermore I was going to the Oberföhringer Kindergarden St. Lorenz, to the Oberföhringer Elementary School and to the Luitpold Gymnasium, which is a academic secondary school leading to university entry qualification.

After we have moved to Erding, a city that is near to Munich, I went to the Anne-Frank-Gymnasium and this year in 2008 I will graduate from school and make my school leaving qualification.

In school my advanced courses were German and English and I also graduated in Ethics and Physics.

I played theater in school as well and enjoyed it very much. I was a member in many social groups of my school as the School-Without-Racism Group, the Event-Organization Group and the Anne-Frank-Representative Group, which has allowed the members to go on a trip to Berlin last summer to visit the Anne Frank Center.

As you may see I was very involved in the daily routine of my school. Consequently I am very interested in many different things and I have no problem to work hard for my goals, to take care of myself and others or to follow rules, but also to deal in an independent way with difficult situations.

My family plays an important role in my life, too, because I think that it is very important for oneself to have a good social background and good relationships to the ones you love to make such a big step and go away from home for a longer time. I have an older brother, called Daniel, and we have a great relationship. He means a lot to me and he has the same kind of humor, so we always laugh with each other.

In my free time I like doing some sports as hockey and basketball and being out door. While I am meeting friends I go to theater and cinema, or I really love to go to music festivals, which are very popular all over Europe.

So before I am going to study, probably law and philosophy, I want to have a year just for myself to figure out what I really expect from my life and what I want to do. But I do not want to be lazy or anything like that and to waste this fabulous opportunity of traveling around and getting to know something about other nations, cultures and people.

I want to be an au pair in the first place because I love working with children and to devote a great part of my time to children. I also had a period for a week of practical instruction in a kinder garden and had a lot of fun by playing with the children and going with them on an excursion. And as I was an inline-skate coach, I learned much about dealing with difficult situation, like children getting seriously hurt because they have fallen on the ground and how to cure their pain or to bandage their wounds. For three years now I am additionally giving private lessons in mathematics, physics and German for younger students and it is great seeing all this development and improvement.

On the other hand I really like traveling and meeting new people because it opens your mind and you can see everything trough a fresh eye when you are coming back.

My expectations for my work as an au pair are not only having fun with the host family, but also learning something about new cultures, managing my life in another country and improving my English vocabulary.

I am very excited to finally meet you and hopefully we get along with each other.

Sincerely yours,  
Lisa Zettl