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BEWERBUNGSFORMULAR 2026
APPLICATION FORM 2026

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First name (Vorname) Laura Middle name (2. Vorname) Helena

Grade (Klasse): 11

Date of Birth: May 29 2008
month / day / year (Monet als Wort schreiben)



More Host Families Needed!

We are still seeking a host family for this German applicant!

If you would like to host him/her, first check with your parents,
 then **call/text/WhatsApp message Krista Winzer-Lee**
at 330-618-6127 as soon as possible!

Those Germans who do not have an American partner by **Monday, February 16th**
 will not be able to come to America this spring!

- ✓ There is still time to sign up as a "Full" participant if you are in German II! Meaning you can host in the spring and go to Germany in the summer.
- ✓ Students who are not taking German are also allowed to host in the spring!
- ✓ If you are going on a spring break trip during this time, the German parents are usually willing to pay for their child to join you! (We would call them to confirm.)
- ✓ If you don't see a good match online (similar age, interests and hobbies) please call! We have other profiles that are not online!
- ✓ You can print a "Host Only" or a "Full" participant application form off our website: www.friendshipconnection.org under the link "Forms."

The German guests will be visiting from:
March 23rd – April 15th, 2026!

Important medical and dietary information (Wichtige gesundheitliche Angaben, die die Gastgeber wissen sollten, z.B. Allergien, Medikamente, Körperbehinderungen etc. Nur wenn eine akute Erkrankung vorliegt angeben!! 75% der amerikanischen Familien haben Haustiere! Bitte hier auch Ernährungsbesonderheiten angeben, wie z.B. Veganer, Laktoseunverträglichkeit etc.):

I have pulmonary hypertension (a lung and heart disease). I take ASS100, Revatio and Opsumit daily. My condition doesn't affect my everyday life though.

The "Friendship Connection" is a genuine "home to home" exchange program and we assume that the majority of participants will travel in the spring and be able to host their US partner in the summer! Please check the type of participation below. (Die Friendship Connection ist ein Schüleraustausch, der auf Gegenseitigkeit angelegt ist und wir gehen davon aus, dass die überwiegende Mehrheit der deutschen TeilnehmerInnen im Frühjahr ihren Partner/ihre Partnerin im Sommer aufnimmt. Bitte wählen Sie die gewünschte Art des Austausches und den Status durch Ankreuzen aus. Bitte beachten Sie unbedingt, dass sich bei Nichtaufnahme des Partners/der Partnerin im Sommer die Vermittlungschance extrem reduziert):

☒ Traveling in spring and hosting in summer (Reise im Frühjahr und Aufnahme im Sommer)

☐ Traveling in spring not hosting in summer (Teilnahme im Frühjahr, keine Aufnahme im Sommer)

☐ Erneute Bewerbung, da beim letzten Mal kein Partner/keine Partnerin gefunden werden konnte (pair with priority)

☐ "Wiederholer" am FC Programm (nur möglich mit gleichem Partner/Partnerin) Name amerik, Partner/Partnerin: _____

Student Biography – to be exchanged with your partner (Schülerbiographie – zum Austausch mit dem Partner/der Partnerin)

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Write thoroughly and do not attach extra pages or pictures! (Bitte sorgfältig ausfüllen und keine zusätzlichen Seiten oder Bilder hinzufügen!)

First names and ages of siblings (Vorname u. Alter der Geschwister – keine Nachnamen!)

Religious Affiliation

Benedikt (9 years old)

(optional/freiwillig)

1. Have you ever lived or travelled outside your country?
(Warst du schon einmal im Ausland?)

Yes



No



If yes, describe where!
(Wenn ja, beschreibe wo!)

I have had the opportunity to travel to Italy, Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, Croatia, Slovenia, Spain, France & Sweden (during 2 school exchanges), Greece and South Korea. My experiences abroad made me curious to explore even more and connect with people from around the world.

2. Describe your community and surrounding area, including sightseeing possibilities, museums etc. which might interest a visitor.
(Beschreibe deinen Wohnort und Umgebung, Ausflugsmöglichkeiten, Museen usw., die einen Besucher interessieren könnten.)

I live in a small town in central Germany, about one hour away from Frankfurt and Cologne. There are approximately 15,000 inhabitants, which makes it a nice balance between a quiet place and a lively community. The town offers various activities and places to spend time, such as restaurants, cafés, a cinema, swimming pools, sports clubs, and lots of nature. Bigger cities are easy to reach for day trips, but my hometown also has a cozy and welcoming atmosphere. Visitors can experience real German life- local traditions, family activities and typical food.

3. What subjects do you like in school? For what reasons? What profession or occupation are you considering? For what reasons?
(Welche Fächer gefallen dir in der Schule? Aus welchen Gründen? Welchen Beruf möchtest du ergreifen oder in welchem Bereich möchtest du arbeiten? - Bitte diese Frage auf jeden Fall beantworten!!)

My favorite subjects in school are all connected to languages and culture. I speak six languages (some better than others), and I've always loved both learning and using them abroad. While AI is shaking the communication we are used to, I believe it can feel more healing than ever to connect with other people, which is why I think language learning and a basic comprehension of other cultures plays such an important and rewarding role in my life. I also like reading and analyzing texts in subjects like German, History, and Politics because I am fascinated by both art and culture in general and how they shape society. I am still not completely sure what I want to do in the future, but I would love to study or work abroad in a field related to psychology or international relations. Both areas combine my passion for understanding people and my interest in intercultural communication.

4. List your favorite activities, hobbies, and ways you occupy your free time.
(Nenne deine Lieblingsbeschäftigungen, Hobbys und bevorzugte Freizeitaktivitäten. Welche Musik hörst du? Welche Sportart/en betreibst du? Bitte sehr ausführlich beantworten!!)

Art in all its forms plays an important role in my life.

I love listening to music and podcasts, reading books that make me think, and exploring topics related to society, human interaction and culture.

My taste in music is very broad-I enjoy many genres depending on my mood. It also kind of reflects the fact that I am a very adaptable person, who is always just one step away from falling into the next rabbit hole. I play the guitar and used to do athletics, but I stopped when I realized I prefer exercising more flexibly at home. I still like to stay active by biking through the forest behind my house or going bouldering with my dad during the colder months.

Releasing my stress when I engage in different hobbies really helps me to be able to properly manage my responsibilities.

For instance listening to music on my way home from school always helps me regain energy and focus.

5. Do you have pets in your home? Yes ☒ No ☐
(Haben Sie Haustiere in Ihrem Haus/Ihrer Wohnung?)

How many and what kind of pets?
(Wie viele und was für welche?)

1 cat and 2 dogs

Die deutschen Schüler leiten dieses Formular über ihre Kontaktlehrkraft weiter an THE FRIENDSHIP CONNECTION INC.

Bei Fragen wenden Sie sich immer zuerst an Ihre Schulkontaktlehrkraft. Weitergehende Fragen können Sie an Olaf Menn (Kontaktlehrkraft der deutschen Schulen) E-Mail: OlafMennFC@gmail.com oder direkt an Krista Winzer-Lee richten