



Olha from Ukraine

Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Program

GRADE: 10 out of 11 completed	ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (ELTIS): 204 (approx. 45 SLEP)	GENDER: Female
GPA: 3.7 (4.0 Scale)	LANGUAGES: UKRAINIAN, English, Russian, German	AGE (as of August 1, 2021): 17
RELIGION: none listed	NOTES: Has pets, cannot swim	

HOME LIFE

Olha lives in a small town with her mom, dad and grandparents. She's an only child, so she loves when the extended family gets together for a big meal, especially around the holidays. Her family has two pet cats that live with them! Olha keeps her room tidy and helps with dishes and cooking.

INTERESTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

ACADEMICS / FUTURE: Plans to study English
SPORTS / ARTS: Drawing, music lessons, playing ukulele
CLUBS / INTERESTS: Volunteering, English club, reading competition, ecological projects

ALL ABOUT OLHA

Olha lives in a small town with her parents and grandparents. She loves when they are able to have picnics together and when they go fishing. She loves to celebrate the holidays, especially Easter and Christmas because all of her relatives sit around the table together and share stories their lives. As an only child, she values when her whole family comes together. She would love to experience life with host siblings in America!

Olha's friends describe her as a kind and polite person, and her favorite activity is volunteering. Whether she is helping animals or people, she loves to make people happy through her work! **"I think volunteering can really make this world better because we all should help each other,"** she says. She is also a big fan of all music and books! It's hard for her to pick favorites, but she loves the Harry Potter series and admires young musicians like Billie Eilish and Ariana Grande who have accomplished so much at a young age. She loves reading the lyrics while she listens to music to better understand the musician's feelings. English is her favorite subject in school, but she also enjoys biology, math, and literature. In her free time, she practices her ukulele, (a birthday present from her parents!) and dreams of learning to play the piano.

Olha's teacher says she is...

- Open-minded
- Hardworking
- Friendly

Olha looks forward to living life to the fullest and taking advantage of all opportunities in her host community! She enjoys meeting new people and learning about their experiences. **"I want to make new friends in the USA because nowadays friendship with different countries is very important,"** she says. She would love to try a sport in the US, because there aren't many opportunities for students with physical disabilities to play sports in her town. **"Despite my physical disabilities, I want to try all possible activities,"** she says.

Most of all, she is looking forward to meeting her host family. **"It would be really great to become a part of your family because we can share different interesting facts about our countries,"** she says. She can't wait to compare holiday traditions and learn more about America. **"I admire that you have decided to take an exchange student in your family,"** she says. **"Looking forward to our meeting!"**

INTERESTED IN HOSTING OLHA?

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