



## Lär känna Tobias från Tyskland!

*"Tobias is very involved in school life, being part of student paramedic team, the mediating team, the orchestra and the competitive team for "RoboCup" (=robotics)."*

**Namn:** Tobias

**Födelseår:** 2002

**Programstart:** Augusti 2019

**Period:** Läsåret 19/20

**Intressen:** handboll, cykla, skidåkning, musik (spelar bl.a trombon)

**Fun Fact:** är nyfiken att prova nya aktiviteter

Hello, my name is Tobias.

I would like to introduce myself in this letter talking a little bit about my life. I consider myself a happy person, I love to laugh and to make other people laugh. I grew up in a big town, went here to the kindergarten, to primary school and now to the grammar school. I have two brothers, one younger and one older than me, but the age gap among us is quite small with about two years. We have been always a close family and everyone has a responsibility at home. My parents eternally support and encourage me. Further, my family always considered me a friendly, sporty person, willing to help others. The closest friends of mine have been my friends since I was a child, but I often make new friends and I like to meet new trustworthy people.

Since I was a child, I have done sports, especially handball. Every week, I practice handball, go to the gym with friends and in winter I enjoy skiing. Additionally, I love hanging out with friends, visiting interesting places or just spending time together with people I like. Assistance is something that I have always been interested in. I am part of a mediator group to help other people, when there is a problem. Further, I am a school paramedic, because I like to help people and both jobs have given me lot's of experience how to take care of different and also difficult situations. In my free time, I also like to play Euphonium, Trombone, videogames, ride my bike or simply being outside. Just in case, I don't have any illnesses or allergies and I really like animals, so there is no problem with pets.

Both of my cousins already participated in a student exchange and I was always paying attention to their entire process and experience. That's why I got very excited about the idea of having this kind of experience. My father is half Swedish (my grandmother was from Sweden), which is one reason why I decided to choose Sweden, I grew up talking Swedish and German, but now my Swedish is improvable. Another reason is that I want to learn speaking Swedish fluently and because of that I decided to apply. I think it is a great experience that will help me to grow as a person and to get to know myself better, leaving my comfort zone and becoming the best version of myself. I know it won't be easy, but I know I am strong enough to deal with any potential difficulties. Some people have told me that I am going to waste an entire year because they see this experience as "vacation time" and a waste of time, but in this year, I know, I will grow as a person and learn a new language that opens many doors to me in my life.

I want to learn as much as possible about the culture and history of Schweden. Moreover, I really would like to become a member of your family and assure that I will be willing to help. I know how to live with siblings and, fortunately, we have an excellent relationship. One of my priorities is to learn how to move around on my own and attend a new school, so attending a new school would be a challenge that will help me to become a self-reliant person. Also, I'm very excited to meet a lot of new people. My dream is to learn fluent Swedish and improve my English skills, too.

I am a tidy person, a hard-working student, I always do my homework and assignments. I love science and biology is my favorite course, but I also like physics, chemistry and physical education. I really like the job of a doctor, but I am not sure yet, that I would try to get to know myself better and find out what I am really good at.

I know this year will be full of new experiences and I hope to enjoy it as much as possible. I know I might face problems and challenges, but through hard work, dialogue, and advice, I can overcome any obstacle. I am very excited about participating in this program and meeting new people. I can't wait to live this experience and to meet you.

Best wishes, Tobias.

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