

**"Eero has very good social skills and consistently behaves in a polite, respectful and friendly manner."**

## Lär känna Eero

Eero är född 2008 och kommer från Finland. Han kommer i augusti 2025 och stannar under ett läsår. Intressen är bl. a golf, tennis, gymträning, och skidåkning. Hans favoritämnen i skolan är beteendevetenskap, matematik, språk och idrott.

Kära blivande värdfamilj,

I am Eero, a 16-year-old Finnish high school student. My family includes dad, mom, two little sisters and the centerpiece of our family, our shiba inu dog Nene. Having two younger sisters I am used to taking responsibility in the family, but also enjoying the moments together. My father is a diplomat in a high position and his work has given me an interest in international things from childhood. I spent five years of my early childhood in Japan because of my father's work as a diplomat. We returned to Finland when I started first grade. I did my pre-school education in English and my first nine grades in school a bilingual English-Finnish class. A emphasis in English meant that I started Swedish later than some students in Finland.

I have many reasons why I want to live a year in Sweden. First, Finland is a bilingual country and the part of town I live in has a lot of Finnish people who speak Swedish as mother tongue and Swedish schools. Many of my friends have Swedish as their first language. Also my father's family originally came to Finland from Sweden and had a Swedish name until a few generations ago. So I want to understand my country, my neighborhood, my friends and my background better. Two, I want to learn Swedish well, because it is an important language for future dream of studying at Helsinki Hanken, a Swedish language business school. An exchange student year in Sweden is a perfect opportunity to use the language in daily life and get to know Swedish culture more deeply. I think knowing Swedish well opens opportunities both in Finland and in the Nordic countries. Before business school, I plan to do my military service in a Swedish regiment.

My everyday life in Finland is quite busy but regular. I usually wake up an hour before school starts, get ready and eat breakfast. The trip to school takes about 15 minutes, door-to-door. I travel by metro. At school, I enjoy maths and social studies the most because they give me useful skills and knowledge. After school, I head home to do my homework or go to the gym. On the weekends, I spend time on the golf course, because golf is an important hobby for me- It combines exercise, chance to spend time with friends or family and the opportunity to compete with myself. I play several rounds a week if possible. I really enjoy sports, so if I am not playing golf or at the gym, I might play football or ice hockey with my dad's team or tennis with my friends. In the past I have played football, ice hockey and innebandy in a team. I hope I get to experience doing things together with you. It would be great if you have an interest in golf and we could play together - or if you'd be interested in trying it with me, I'd love to teach you the basics! I also like a lot tennis, padel and skiing, and it would be great if we could do these together. Cafes, movies and relaxed get-togethers are also nice ways to spend time in my opinion. Thank you in advance for taking me into your family and giving me the opportunity to experience Swedish life up close. I look forward to a year together, new experiences and the opportunity to learn from you. I believe that this year will be a memorable one for all of us!

Kind regards, Eero

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