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# Host an AFS Exchange Student in 2025

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# Semester Programme Students

5 months, Jan - June 2025



**Lina K.**

Gender: Female  
Languages: German, French, English  
Age on arrival: 16 years 6 months  
Country: Switzerland  
Programme: Jan - June 2025

**ABOUT LINA:** Lina is an open and independent student. She is a keen swimmer, and her other hobbies include reading, listening to music and playing the piano. She often babysits in her spare time. Lina likes to help others and shows this through her roles as a swimming coach and assistant Scout leader. Lina loves to spend time with family and friends, and she enjoys being outdoors just as much as she enjoys playing board games or watching a movie at home.

## LINA'S INTERESTS:

- Reading
- Listening to music
- Piano
- Swimming
- Coaching swimming
- Babysitting
- Assistant leader at youth group/Scouts



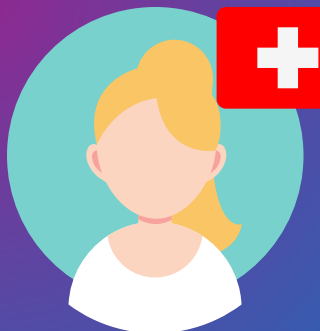
**Maya**

Gender: Female  
Languages: German, English  
Age on arrival: 16 years 2 months  
Country: Germany  
Programme: Jan - June 2025

**ABOUT MAYA:** Maya is responsible, independent and open to new experiences. Initially shy, she's warm and friendly once comfortable. She loves cooking for her friends and family. Maya's other hobby is horse riding, and she shares in the care of a horse at a nearby stable. Maya enjoys hanging out with her friends and family, and she is especially close to her younger sister.

## MAYA'S INTERESTS:

- Cooking
- Horse riding
- Friends & family



**Lina A.**

Gender: Female  
Languages: German, French, English  
Age on arrival: 16 years 9 months  
Country: Switzerland  
Programme: Jan - June 2025

**ABOUT LINA:** Lina is a friendly and outgoing student who excels academically. She enjoys socialising, playing instruments (recorder, guitar, piano) and outdoor activities like skating. During her exchange, she's hoping to improve her English skills, make loads of new friends, and broaden her horizons by experiencing a new culture.

## LINA'S INTERESTS:

- Meeting new people
- Music
- Achery
- Skating

# Year Programme Students

11 months, Jan - December 2025



## Arkaedi

Gender: Male  
Languages: English  
Age on arrival: 17 years 1 month  
Country: USA  
Programme: Jan - Dec 2025

**ABOUT ARKAEDI:** Arkaedi is calm and compassionate. He loves learning (especially about foreign countries and cultures) and trying new things.

In his spare time, Arkaedi enjoys writing, baking, martial arts and tabletop games.

Family time is important to Arkaedi, and his cat is also a very important member of the family!

### ARKAEDI'S INTERESTS:

- Writing
- Martial arts
- Baking
- Tabletop games



## Clara

Gender: Female  
Languages: Spanish, English  
Age on arrival: 16 years 5 months  
Country: Argentina  
Programme: Jan - Dec 2025

**ABOUT CLARA :** Clara is a responsible student and likes school, where she has many good friends.

Outside of school, Clara is a competitive gymnast. Training most days, she is very disciplined and dedicated to her sport. On the weekends, she likes to hang out with her friends and also enjoys outdoor activities. Travelling is her other passion, and she is looking forward to discovering New Zealand.

### CLARA'S INTERESTS:

- Gymnastics
- Travelling
- Spending time with friends



## Valentina

Gender: Female  
Languages: Spanish, English  
Age on arrival: 16 years 3 months  
Country: Paraguay  
Programme: Jan - Dec 2025

**ABOUT VALENTINA:** Valentina is a dedicated student. She's passionate about her studies - particularly physics, mathematics and languages (English and French). She can be shy when you first meet her, but she's a talkative and cheerful person once you get to know her.

Valentina enjoys watching TV, Disney movies and spending time with her family and friends.

She's excited to come to New Zealand and is looking forward to many new experiences.

### VALENTINA'S INTERESTS:

- Physics and mathematics
- Languages
- Disney movies





## Janja

Gender: Female  
Languages: German, English, Spanish  
Age on arrival: 16 years 1 month  
Country: Germany  
Programme: Jan - Dec 2025

**ABOUT JANJA:** Janja is a cheerful and open-minded student. She enjoys meeting new people and loves making others laugh. Janja's hobbies include climbing, swimming and Scouts. She also likes outdoor activities, spending time with family and friends, reading, and video games. Her mother and brother are AFS returnees, and she hopes to carry on the family tradition with her own AFS experience in New Zealand.

### JANJA'S INTERESTS:

- climbing
- swimming
- Scouts
- meeting with friends
- outdoor activities
- reading
- video games
- board games



## Rafael

Gender: Male  
Languages: Portuguese, English  
Age on arrival: 16 years 9 months  
Country: Brazil  
Programme: Jan - Dec 2025

**ABOUT RAFAEL:** Rafael is a sociable and communicative student. He enjoys discussing a wide variety of topics, including sports, politics and movies. His other hobbies include football, basketball, video games - and sometimes he likes some quiet time alone to listen to music. Rafael is looking forward to coming to New Zealand to learn about our culture, customs and to try new food.

### RAFAEL'S INTERESTS:

- Football
- Basketball
- Playing video games
- Socialising



## YUI

Gender: Female  
Languages: Japanese, English  
Age upon arrival: 17 years  
Country: Japan  
Programme: Jan - Dec 2025

**ABOUT YUI:** Yui is a calm and positive person. She values close relationships with her friends and family and likes to spend quality time with them. She's an active member of her city's multicultural group and has participated in a short-term exchange with their sister city in the USA. At school, Yui is part of the English Club. She is looking forward to discovering New Zealand's culture and meeting the people of Aotearoa!

### YUI'S INTERESTS:

- Volunteering with local multicultural group
- Spending time with friends & family
- English Club

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