



## STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL

### 2018-19 ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAM (National Pool as of 4/13/2018 11AM)

These students are available for placement on a first-come, first-served basis. To submit a hosting application, please contact the States' 4-H Coordinator for your state. You may also contact the main States' 4-H office for assistance at [exchange@states4h.org](mailto:exchange@states4h.org) or 206-462-2200. **New additions to the national pool are in green.** Delegates with families currently working to complete applications are marked as having a "strong lead."

### GIRLS

Name	Country	Age	Grade Entering	ELTiS Score	Interests, Personality, and Notes
Meline	FLEX (Armenia)	16	10	220	Meline is 16 years old from Armenia. She has one younger sister, who is 13. Her favorite subjects in school are math, English and history. She just started learning Spanish. Meline loves to dance. She wanted to become an exchange student "to meet new people, get to know the American way of life, improve my English, and make new experiences." Meline also swims twice a week and does yoga. Her teachers describe her as communicative, active, purposeful, and a creative thinker.
Jueun	BFE (South Korea)	15	9	226	Jueun lives in Seoul with her family. She has one older brother. Her passions are contemporary dance and Korean pop music. She is a member of her school's dance club. She describes herself as a positive person and her English teacher in Korea wrote that "she has a refreshingly upbeat attitude, unflinching team spirit, and an infectious sense of humor." Jueun is looking forward to experiencing a different school culture and to trying some new activities and sports.
Mayu	Labo	16	11	220	Mayu is a motivated young person who dreams to one day work for the United Nations. Her future goals correspond with her interest in other cultures and languages. She is a member of her school dance team and loves dancing. Mayu and her father regularly play badminton together on the weekends and she also enjoys playing tennis. She plays piano and likes to go shopping with her friends. Her favorite classes in school are World History and PE. She is from Tokyo.
Daeun	BFE (South Korea)	15	9	226	Daeun stays busy in Korea. She swims and does taekwondo as well as plays the piano. Drawing and painting are two of her hobbies. At this time, her dream is to become a voice actor because she was inspired by animation movies she has watched. Her favorite subjects in school are history and English. She volunteers

					at a home for the elderly and also at her school cafeteria and library. Her family is Christian and attends church weekly. She plays violin in her church choir. According to her father, she has never missed a day of school! She is looking forward to experiencing American culture and sharing traditional Korean culture.
Yukino <b>-strong lead-</b>	LEX	15	10	222	Yukino is from a big city in Japan. She attends a school that has both middle and high school students. She loves reading so is looking forward to learning more about American literature and history. She regularly participates in 'Naginata' club, which is a Japanese martial art form. She also likes painting, drawing, and cooking with her family. She plays the piano and says that her music class at school is one of her favorite subjects. Yukino's mother describes her as "kind, polite, and responsible." Yukino says that she is trying to do more things independently as part of her preparation to come to the US. She is excited to watch movies together with her host family and share her ideas and opinions. She participated in the month-long summer program to Wisconsin in 2015. Yukino has mild orthostatic dysregulation so she sometimes becomes faint and dizzy when she stands up.
Sumin	BFE (South Korea)	15	10	226	Sumin aspires to be a nurse in the army or air force. Her father is a member of the Korean Air Force. Sumin likes to swim, play tennis and does kickboxing each week. She is involved in many activities at her school in Korea, including a peer group counseling club and some student competitions. She also volunteers at her local library. Sumin describes herself as a bright and considerate person. She hopes that she will grow the capacity to speak about her opinions more when she is in the US. She comes from a Christian family. She and her family like to do outdoor activities and they often go camping. When she was six years old she spent a year in America due to her father's work. Sumin's mother highlights her empathy, ability to listen, and her charm. Sumin is a big baseball fan and follows the LG Twins, one of Korea's professional baseball teams.
Ana <b>-strong lead-</b>	FLEX (Serbia)	16	11	227	Ana is from the third biggest city in Serbia. She lives together with her mother, brother and grandmother. She started playing guitar a year ago and names music, movies and cooking as her primary hobbies. She loves to ski and also plays volleyball and basketball. She sometimes goes skiing with her father on the weekends and plays basketball with her brother. She is involved in volunteer work and works on projects that help animals and children with special needs. Ana is interested in getting involved with her high school's newspaper and also contributing photography. One of the pieces of American culture she is most interested in understanding more about is American sports culture. Ana's English teacher used the words 'curious' and 'motivated' when asked to describe her.
Dasol	BFE (South Korea)	15	9	223	Dasol is very artistic and musical. She has been playing the piano since she was young and also plays the violin, guitar, and drums. She plays violin in her

					church string choir. She is also interested in science, art, and animation. She has thought of working for Disney or Pixar working on character development. Dasol's family has one dog and one cat and she likes being around pets. She is an only child and thinks it would be fun to have sisters. Dasol says about herself that she can be shy but also that she has a lot of confidence in herself. While she has not done a homestay program, last summer she spent a few weeks in the UK as part of an English language learning program.
Azizkahon	FLEX (Tajikistan)	17	194	11	Azizkahon is from a small town in Tajikistan that she describes as "sunny" and "mountainous". According to Azizkahon, her city is primarily agricultural and is known for its dried fruit exports. She likes drawing, photography, and riding her bike. She attended art school for four years and studied drawing. Her English teacher describes her as "cheery, intelligent, responsible, respectful and energetic with a great sense of humor". She is a member of an after school club that focuses on gender equality issues in Tajikistan. Azizkahon has two younger brothers and two parrots. Her family is Muslim and although she never attends religious services, she does not eat pork. Azizkahon says that studying in the US is a dream she has had since she was 10 years old and she is looking forward to achieving her goal and sharing about her country's traditions.
Nataliya	FLEX (Ukraine)	16	220	10	Nataliya lives with her mother and grandmother, she calls her grandmother "her dearest". She "adores fluffy domestic animals" and has a cat and a dog. She also loves drawing, painting, learning English, singing, beading, and embroidering. Nataliya is the President of her school. Her teachers describe her as intelligent, tactful, sociable, and energetic. She is often the first to volunteer to participate in projects. Part of the reason she wants to come to the United States is because she admires the American political system, culture, and traditions. She would like to experience Thanksgiving Day in America. Nataliya does not know what kind of career she would like but imagines that being an English teacher or an interpreter would be a good fit.
Veronika	FLEX (Kyrgyzstan)	17	212	11	Veronika is from a small town in Kyrgyzstan but attends a Turkish-language boarding school in a different part of the country. She spends her school vacations at home with her family where they ski in the winter and visit their mountain cottage in the summer. She is really interested in debate and has been on her school's debate team the last several years. One of Veronika's main motivations for coming to the United States is to gain experience in volunteering. She would also like to attend a baseball game! Veronika likes to read, play volleyball, and make videos with her friends. Her teacher describes her as "active" with "superb verbal skills". She has a younger brother and a younger sister. Her younger sister is also attending the same school. Last year, she was the Prime Minister of her school. She does not identify as having a religion but she does not eat pork.

Bermet	FLEX (Kyrgyzstan)	16	203	11	Bermet is always keeping busy. She likes to ski with her family every winter, take photos, bake cakes, play basketball, and read. She also plays piano and likes dancing. She would like to be an ambassador and work for an international organization. Bermet describes herself as “sociable, cheerful, and out-going”. She also says that she is an optimist. Bermet plays basketball three times a week and loves reading so much that she reads on the bus home and before sleeping. She has a passion for volunteering and writes that “volunteering helps me to be more self-confident and open person.” She volunteers at the American Space, which is an educational center funded and run by the US Embassy in Bishkek. Bermet is Muslima and although she does not attend religious services, she does not eat pork. She is really looking forward to playing tennis in the US!
Myrziyim	FLEX (Kyrgyzstan)	17	223	11	Myrziyim is from a big family of 8 people. She likes to spend time with her family playing games, cooking, and watching TV. She also likes to watch movies, read books, bike, and paint. She would like to cook with her American host family, learn to swim, and play volleyball at school. Her teachers say that she is ‘respectful, polite, neat, responsible, creative, and cheerful’. She is a member of volunteering club in her town and also a conversation club. Myrziyim says that she wants to be someone that her community relies on and trusts. She would like to be a businesswoman or interpreter as a career. She also describes herself as an extrovert and someone who is friendly with everyone. Myrziyim is Muslim and does not eat pork.
Elizaveta	FLEX (Kazakhstan)	17	222	11	Elizaveta, “Liza”, lives with her mother and cat in Kazakhstan. She goes to a school for gifted children where her favorite classes are English, literature, history, Russian and Kazakh languages. She is a member of a local drama club and an art club. She also spends a lot of time in a musical studio where she does singing and dancing. She recently completed ballet school and regularly does yoga. Liza describes herself as ‘just’ and ‘understanding’ as well as ‘honest and responsible’, but she also admits that she can be a bit stubborn. She lives close to the center of her city and is able to walk with her friends to the cinema, museums, shops, etc. In America, she is looking forward to joining school sports teams such as golf.
Laura <b>-strong lead-</b>	FLEX (Lithuania)	17	242	11	Laura has a passion for music and enjoys singing. She also likes movies, shopping, and taking walks with her mother and sister. She also plays guitar and sings in the school choir. Laura is from a small seaside town in Lithuania. Laura’s teacher describes her as “mature” and “responsible”. For the last two years she has been regularly volunteering with the Red Cross in her town and is looking forward to trying some new volunteer projects in the US, particularly with dogs. She is also looking forward to joining choir, band, and drama. One unique thing about Laura is that she held a full-time summer job as a barista, this is an accomplishment that Laura is very proud of because she earned her

					own money through hard work.
Nurdana	FLEX (Kazakhstan)	16	230	11	Nurdana comes from a big family of seven. She has three older sisters and a brother. She likes to travel with her family, they last year visited Egypt together. Nurdana plays both guitar and piano and also sings. She likes to draw and participate in school competitions and Olympiads. She has also been involved in volunteering and volunteered as a henna artist as part of a charity fair last year. She would like to become an architect in the future, a dream which is fueled by her passion for drawing. Nurdana is excited to try new things in the United States, including joining a sports team and becoming a cheerleader. She has a slight allergy to animal fur although her family does have a cat. She is Muslim and does not eat pork.
Kateryna	FLEX (Ukraine)	15	230	11	Kateryna considers herself a creative person-she goes to art school and likes drawing, photography, filmmaking, and writing. She is also interested in studying history, sociology, politics and the humanities. Her older brother was a FLEX participant in 2014. Her parents run a local newspaper and love to travel. Kateryna also is well-traveled and loves to see new places with her family. She is looking forward to trying some new sports in the US such as tennis and cheerleading. In Ukraine, she has done yoga and hip hop dance. Both Kateryna and her teacher use the word 'communicative' to describe her. Kateryna has many goals for her participation in the FLEX Program including changing her community for the better, meeting new people, and trying new activities.

## BOYS

Seungmin	BFE (South Korea)	15	9	242	Seungmin is eager to share about Korean culture with his new host family. He hopes his host family has pets and is looking forward to playing basketball at school. Seungmin has quite an advanced level of English for his age and enjoys studying science and Korean language. He does not like math class. Seungmin dreams of studying journalism in college and becoming a reporter.
HyungJu	BFE (South Korea)	15	9	230	Hyungju is a creative individual who loves to cook, paint, and has a passion for video editing and music mixing. He does taekwando, plays soccer, and likes his math and English classes. He is looking forward to cooking for his host family and to share about Korean culture. He is very interested in computer art and has been learning how to make digital paintings. His family has a small garden where they grow vegetables, he likes to cook using these vegetables. Hyungju's parents describe him as creative, philosophical, and not a picky eater!
Ryota	LEX	16	10	222	Ryota is an avid soccer player who also likes swimming and all other forms of exercise. He has participated in long distance running clubs. He is also a member

					of Boy Scouts and loves playing games, eating, laughing, and talking with his friends. He comes from a single parent home and is very close to his maternal grandparents who are very active in his life. His favorite subjects at school are math, PE, social studies, and English. He is hoping to have a job in international relations in the future. He is looking forward to making miso soup for his host family!
Seomyung	BFE (South Korea)	15	9	220	Seomyung is very excited about spending a year in the US. He is excited to learn about another culture and to share about Korea. He likes basketball, food, running, reading, movies, and games. He is a big fan of the NBA. He describes himself as communicative, sincere, extroverted, confident, and competitive. He attends church with his family every Sunday where he helps as a teacher to younger students. Seomyung is interested in science and would like to become a drone or robotics engineer. He is currently living with his family in Hawaii for half a year due to his father's job as a pastor. Seomyung is a member of his school's basketball team, debate club, aviation club, and math contest club.
Herman	FLEX (Ukraine)	16	11	226	Herman loves to travel and particularly likes hiking, backpacking and camping. He and his parents often go hiking, cycling and camping together. He enjoys nature and being outside. He also has a passion for drama and has been a part of a drama club for the last five years. In addition, he plays soccer, boxes and does judo. He is also active in volunteering and has taken part in several competitive science Olympiads. Herman's family has a dog and he is in charge of walking it. Both Herman and his teachers speak to his genuine interest in learning about other cultures through getting to know new people. This is the reason that Herman says he would like to spend an exchange year in the US.
Arbnor	FLEX (Serbia)	17	11	212	Arbnor is an 'active' and 'energetic' soccer-playing student from Serbia. Arbnor is absolutely soccer-crazy but is also interested in doing new activities that he has not tried. He plays basketball and runs in the mountains. He wants to tell his host family in the US that he is "maybe too funny, I tell jokes sometimes and I laugh maybe too much". Arbnor is from a smaller town in Serbia, of which the population is primarily Albanian. So, Arbnor speaks Albanian as his first language. He has one younger sister and one younger brother. He is Muslim and does not eat pork. His teacher describes him as a "leader".
Mihai	FLEX (Moldova)	16	10	238	Mihai has a lot of varied interests and is looking forward to trying a new sport when he comes to the US, such as tennis or basketball. He is also interested in drama. In Moldova, he likes to play volleyball and is on a team, as well as swimming and running. He participated in a marathon in his hometown in 2017. He likes to go paintballing, bowling and to the movies with his friends. After graduation, Mihai would like to become a surgeon - his mother is a nurse. He has a younger brother, a younger sister, and a pet turtle. He spends a lot of time with his younger sister and also goes on fishing trips with his father and brother. His favorite subjects are biology and chemistry. Mihai describes himself as "positive"

					and his teachers say he is “energetic, enthusiastic, and friendly”.
Sarvati	FLEX (Georgia)	17	12	232	Sarvati is from a very small town in Georgia. His passion is for sports and exercise. However, his town does not have a soccer field or basketball court so he is looking forward to playing sports in the US. Sarvati has helped with a fundraising campaign to raise money for a soccer field at his school. He made his own basketball hoop to prepare for a tryout and eventually made the team. Sarvati lives with his mother, grandmother and younger brother. His father passed away from a car accident when he was two. Sarvati exercises everyday and considers sports and working out as his primary interest. His teachers say that he is very gifted in language, is well respected by his peers, and is very active.
Minsang	BFE (South Korea)	15	9	233	Minsang describes himself as active and sociable. He likes playing games, watching movies, riding his bike and playing soccer. His dream is to become a pilot and enter the Korean Air Force, where his father currently works. He has one older brother. Minsang is looking forward to making friends in the US and learning how to make some American food. Minsang’s family is Christian and they attend church together. He is interested in science and has won prizes at two school competitions for his science projects. His favorite classes at school are PE, English, and Math.
Gregor	FLEX (Estonia)	17	11	257	Gregor is our sole student from Estonia this year. He loves contemporary dance, cooking, and dogs. His favorite subject in school is physics and he is also interested in technology. In his application he writes about how he has been inspired by Apple and the ways that their technologies have improved people’s lives. Gregor is currently a vegan for environmental reasons but realizes that he may not continue to be able to keep a vegan diet and is open to “taking a year off”. Gregor is looking forward to experiencing the US for its diversity and unique culture. Gregor has mild psoriasis that is exacerbated by a lack of sun and an unhealthy diet. The condition is well-controlled with medication he can self-administer.
Konstantin	FLEX (Kazakhstan)	17	11	210	Konstantin has a variety of interests, namely IT, exercise, math, basketball and volleyball. He has a goal to study IT at a university in the United States. His favorite activities are sports, especially volleyball and basketball. Konstantin has helped organize and lead several school projects including a campaign against drugs and alcohol. His teacher describes him as hard-working and easy-going. Konstantin has excelled in math and has placed in several school Olympiads. His family consists of his parents, grandparents and one younger sister. He identifies as Christian and has two dogs. Konstantin has a slight allergy to grass, which only impacts him during the spring.
David	FLEX (Romania)	18	12	251	David describes himself as very active. He likes to ski, play badminton and travel. He plays badminton as part of a sports club. He rides his bike to get around his

					town and to/from school and activities. David volunteers with an exchange organization that helps to prepare students to go abroad. He started this project after returning from spending 6 months as an exchange student in Germany in 2016. He writes that this experience helped him to become more open-minded and that he discovered that open-mindedness was the key to a successful experience. David also works with a community development organization as a volunteer and has worked part-time at a supermarket during summers. David's teacher shares that David is motivated and works well in groups but is not necessarily the leader.
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## PENDING

Fuyu <b>- Pending-</b>	Labo	17	11	217	Fuyu attends an all-girls science high school in Japan where she participates in photography club, volleyball, and swimming. She has a passion for taking photos, particularly of people. Her favorite class is chemistry and she is considering studying to become a chemistry teacher. She works part-time at an Italian restaurant. Fuyu has one older brother but likes kids and may do well in a family with younger children. Fuyu says one of her most unique points is that she oftentimes makes funny faces in photos, even though others do not. Fuyu has a slight cat allergy. Her teachers describe her as kind-hearted, ambitious, and motivated.
Nino <b>- Pending-</b>	FLEX (Georgia)	17	198	12	Nino lives with her parents, brother, sister and grandparents in a small town in Georgia. She would like to be a psychologist in the future because she likes communication and to help people. One of Nino's biggest passions is dance and she has participated in dance exchange programs. She also likes to sing although not 'publicly'. She is looking forward to both singing and dancing in the US but also would like to swim and volunteer with the homeless population. Her teachers used the words 'cheerful, caring and sociable' when describing her and mention that she is a leader. Nino's family is Orthodox Christian and occasionally attends services. They also have a cat.
Sofiya <b>- Pending-</b>	FLEX (Ukraine) *Reasonable Accommodations	17	203	12	Sofiya is an active and outgoing young person who loves drama, volunteering and physics. She has been involved in drama clubs for many years and has regularly volunteered for several different causes. Sofiya is interested in a career in biomedical engineering. Her goal is to help create better medical equipment that will work more efficiently and not cause fear in children. Her inspiration for this comes directly from her own health challenges. In 2011, Sofiya suffered a spinal injury and cannot lift heavy loads or do strenuous physical activity. She does not need any special supports at school nor does she have other mobility impairments. She does walk with corrective shoes. Sofiya also has asthma. In the US, Sofiya is looking forward to getting involved with chorus and also art clubs. She likes rock music (Metallica, Nirvana, Queen, etc.) and reggae!

Yelyzaveta (Liza) <b>-Pending-</b>	FLEX (Ukraine)	16	239	11	Liza lives with her grandparents in a city of almost one million people in Ukraine. Both of her parents are deceased. Liza likes spending time cooking and gardening with her grandfather as well as swimming, boating, and fishing. She says that she and her grandfather no longer go fishing frequently but spend most of their time at home talking, watching TV, and playing board games. Liza likes to go out with her friends and walk around or ride their bikes. She plays violin in her school ensemble. She also attends a computer academy and has learned to use several different computer programs. She enjoys watching YouTube videos, her favorite YouTubers are Superwoman and Connor Franta. She is active in drama at school and also likes skiing and drawing.
Haruki <b>-Pending-</b>	LEX	16	10	223	Haruki is math and science oriented. He wants to be a researcher in the future and his favorite classes at school involve math and science. He also spends a lot of time reading, playing soccer and badminton and doing kendo. He is looking forward to joining the basketball and soccer teams at his future American high school. He describes himself as happy, positive and patient. According to his mother, he helps with chores "willingly"! He has one little brother and they like to laugh a lot together at their father's jokes. Haruki is interested in learning more about robotics and getting involved in other science related activities in the US.
Munguldei <b>-Pending-</b>	FLEX (Mongolia)	17	11	251	Munguldei is States' 4-H's very first student from Mongolia. She is 17 and has one younger sister. She lives in the heart of Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia. She is very interested in communication and in language being a tool of communication. She translates Japanese anime and manga into Mongolian and speaks five different languages. She considers translation as a hobby and also volunteers in her spare time. She describes herself as a "city girl", which she says she both "loves and hates". She prefers classic rock music "as opposed to 21 <sup>st</sup> century pop."
Junhyung <b>-Pending-</b>	BFE (South Korea)	15	9	220	Junhyeong is the younger brother of a current States' 4-H Academic Yearlong Program student. He is a member of several clubs including his school's fine arts club and martial arts club. He loves sports and currently plays baseball and soccer. He used to play golf. His other hobbies are to watch movies and play video games. One of his biggest goals is to play baseball at his American high school. He said that he is also looking to building trust with his host family and to be open with each other. He and his family like to go on short weekend trips together and sometimes go car camping. His family is Christian and they go to church regularly together. Both he and his mother agree that he is considerate of others.
Misaki <b>-Pending-</b>	LEX	16	11	226	Misaki is an artistic young person who is a member of her school's art club where she is currently working on an oil painting. She also likes reading, books, movies, and photography. Her favorite author is Haruki Murakami. She is interested in American music such as folk, rock, jazz and blues and is looking

					forward to learning more about them. She loves singing and karaoke. She has a goal of improving her public speaking while in the US. Her favorite class at school is world history. She likes animals and pets. She considers herself to be a cheerful, positive and open-minded person and says her unique point is “finding someone’s good point”. She is looking forward to joining the school drama club at her new American high school.
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## PLACED!

Boyoung	BFE (South Korea)	16	11	223	Boyoung is a positive-thinking young person. She comes from a strong Christian family. They go to church services regularly and Boyoung attends a Christian high school. She is involved in several school activities connected to the church including the church choir and student council. She likes music and playing music together with her younger sister. Boyoung plays the piano. She does not play any sports but enjoys games, badminton, and jumping rope. She says of herself that she is patient, responsible, respectful, open, and considerate. She is not a big fan of fast food. After going on a mission trip to Cambodia she decided that her dream would be to become an architect so she could build houses for people in need of homes.
Yui	LEX	17	12	238	Yui loves sports, particularly volleyball. She is a long-time member of her school’s volleyball team. She also likes running and playing tennis. She loves to sing, read, play piano, and cook. She is looking forward to learning more about American high school culture, cooking with her host family, and joining some sports teams. This will be Yui’s first time staying with a host family overseas. She describes herself as active, bright, communicative, and considerate. Her mother adds that she is cheerful, friendly and loving. Yui’s younger brother has a disability and Yui is very involved with his care. Yui’s family has previously hosted and she was a host sister to an exchange student from Mexico in 2015. Yui has slight asthma and a seasonal pollen allergy.
Kano	Labo	17	11	217	Kano can’t wait to share about “Cool Japan” with her host family and new friends in the US. She says that one of her main goals for coming to the US is to improve her communication skills. She wants to work in the hospitality industry in the future and sees improving her communication skills as an important step in this direction. She is very interested in both contemporary and traditional Japanese culture and plays traditional Japanese drums. She likes animals, Korean pop music, movies, cosmetics, and dancing. She previously had a dog and likes animals. Kano is also a member of a volleyball club. Her teachers describe her as cheerful and positive.
Mai	LEX	17	12	223	Mai describes herself as flexible, adaptable, and considerate. She likes reading and reads books as one of her primary hobbies. She also plays the ocarina and

					was a member of a swimming club. Her favorite class is English. Her school usually hosts international high school students and Mai enjoys interacting with them. Her family has one cat and Mai is particularly interested in animals. She does not have previous experience but would like to try to take care of animals in the US and also has an interest in dairy production and farming. Mai loves food and has a particular fondness for chocolate, seafood and fruit. She says her friends tell her she never looks happier than when she is eating her favorite foods. Mai would like to be a nurse in the future.
Yumi	Labo	16	11	220	Yumi is a very thoughtful and motivated student. She describes herself as someone with a strong sense of responsibility who also often likes to laugh. She thinks about herself that she can sometimes lack confidence but that she is determined to solve any problem that is in front of her. She is a member of the volleyball club at her school and has been playing piano and violin for ten years. She sometimes goes to sing karaoke with her friends. She has moved a lot due to her father's job but thinks of this as having five hometowns in Japan. Her teachers describe her as being perseverant and positive. One teacher says that she "can't exterminate smiling".
Karen	LEX	16	11	230	Karen is creative and motivated. She is a member of her school's rowing team and has many hobbies including photography, calligraphy, art, cooking running, and playing music. She plays the piano, trumpet and euphorium. Karen likes to challenge herself and sees American high school sports as a way to try new things and take on new challenges. She enjoys speaking and reading English. Karen's older sister completed the States' 4-H Academic Yearlong Program a few years ago. Her mother describes Karen as cheerful, happy, and a hard worker. Karen has imagined that in the future she may travel to developing countries to take photos and then later open a café where she can display her photos.