

Ciao!

If you are re reading this, I am guessing you are my new host family from Italy. :) Hi! My name is Elaina Tenter, and I am from Helena, Montana, in America!

I am currently living in Missoula, Montana, and am attending the University of Montana. I do not have a declared major, and am just here doing my general classes. After I finish those this semester, I am going to take next semester off to figure out which major I want to do! I am thinking of teaching English as a Second Language, which is why I wanted to be a part of a Greenheart Travel program.

I am so excited to meet you! Now that we have all the boring facts out of the way, I can tell you a little more about me! I am a 19-year-old redhead, and have lived in Montana my whole life. I love to travel, however, and hope to never stop doing it!

I have one little sister, Marissa, who is 16 and a junior in high school. We have been best friends for as long as I can remember, and she is one of the most important people in my life. :) I have a mom and a dad, both of whom I love very, very much! Their names are Darla and Darrel, and they are very excited for me to be following my dreams of traveling abroad. They are my strongest support system.

I also live right next door to my maternal grandma, and she is my role model. I want to be just like her! She has always been there for me, and I love her endlessly. Finally, I have a Border Collie mutt named Woofie, who I have had since I was in kindergarten. He is adorable and the love of my life. He sleeps in my room every night, even after I moved to college.

I love to read, dance, watch movies, and listen to music. All very basic things to do, I know. But let me make them sound a little more interesting! My favorite book(s) are the Harry Potter series. I think I have read through them at least 40 times, no exaggeration.

I have been dancing since I was little, and was on the dance team at my high school for two years! My favorite genre of dance is jazz. My favorite movie is probably "Hairspray". I know all of the words to all of the songs! One of my best friends and I always sing along to the soundtrack whenever we go on road trips.

My favorite type of music would either be rap or vocal (like Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin). Weird combination, I know! What I listen to depends on the type of mood I am in. I also listen to Christmas music for about four months out of the year, as it is my favorite holiday!

I guess I should talk a little bit about why I want to homestay in Italy! I cannot really explain it, but ever since I was a little girl I have wanted to go there. I am in love with everything about it—the music, the language, the landscapes, the food (pasta is my favorite dish of all time)—just about anything else you can think of. It is almost as if it is calling me there! I also have a friend who lives in Desenzano del Garda, and she has convinced me that Italy is the best country in the world. :)

I do not want to ramble on too long, but I suppose I already have! I am ecstatic to meet you all, and I hope you are excited to meet me, too. :) I plan on bringing you presents, so hopefully that will help my case, HAHA! Thank you so much for letting me into your home! I could never tell you how grateful I am for this opportunity.

Sincerely,
Elaina Tenter