

**Brazil D4500 Youth Exchange
Rotary District 4500 Short Term Program
Exchange Student Application, 2023-24**

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9. Student's Letter

Hi! My name is Marcela Lisboa Ronconi, I'm 15 years old and i'm on the ninth grade. I live in the most important city of Rio Grande do Norte (Northeast State of Brazil), Natal. For us, it is a large, very developed city with 700 thousand inhabitants.

My parents, my sister and my two cats live in my house. I have my own room where I practice all my tasks. My mother, Liane, is a cardiologist and works in a private clinic and a public hospital. My father is EHS (Environment Health and Security) director of a multinational packaging company, Amcor, and he is a mechanical engineer.

The school is relatively close to my house - 15 minutes by car - and, as I'm not old enough to drive, my parents take me there. At school I am in elementary school, I have 10 curricular subjects from different areas of knowledge such as: languages, natural, human and exact sciences. Throughout my life I have always been more interested in the exact area, I admire concrete answers and find fascination in numbers.

I consider myself a person with a strong temper, which is why I have always taken the lead of school projects. I like to express my opinion, sharing my previous knowledge but i'm always listening and respecting others experiences.

My hobbies are: reading, watching movies and doing my nails, cause self-care is extremely important to me. My biggest personal interest is literature, I have read more than 150 stories. I have been interested in the world of books since I was little and with the support of my mother, during the pandemic, I found my refuge reading different books. This activity brings several benefits to my growth, I take many of the teachings from the books into my life. Furthermore, I also love traveling, the most recent trip I took was to London, in which I spent three weeks living the daily life of an university student in the morning and knowing the city in the afternoon. I went with an exchange group, with other Brazilians. There I improved my English, practiced independence and learned about new cultures. This trip opened my eyes to a new routine and helped my intellectual development a lot.

During my life, many things have shown me my weaknesses and strengths, I consider myself a strong, determined, intelligent and fair person. The thing I hate most is injustice. I recognize my flaws and qualities because I believe that they are what shape me as an individual. Finally, I have a very organized career plan, I want to be an electrical engineer, as I really admire the energy transformation processes. Most importantly, my main goal in life is to make my parents proud of me by honoring all the investments that they make for me and to be happy, of course. With this exchange I plan to meet new people, create a new routine and learn about new cultures. When I return, I want to enter the Rotary world and use the knowledge I gained to improve my life.