

**Rotary D5100 Youth Exchange
Rotary District 5100 Short Term Program
Exchange Student Application, 2024-25**

Name: Juliet Lara Miranda GRAVELY

8. Student's Letter

Hello! My name is Juliet Gravelly and I will be 16 years old in May. I currently live in Portland, Oregon.

I have my own room upstairs with the rest of my family and we have a guest bedroom and bathroom downstairs. My neighborhood would definitely be described as pretty safe and the houses here are pretty big and spacious. We have lots of big trees and a neighborhood pool, tennis court, and basketball court. We have a big back yard with a trampoline, which I like to jump on in the evening while listening to music.

I think people would describe me as a very outgoing person. I love sports and have played many including soccer (for years), basketball, and more recently volleyball and American Football. In soccer my team won a state championship and in volleyball a regional championship, which I am proud of. This winter I will join my school's ski club - we go up to Mt Hood, which is about 1.5 hours away - and I will take some tennis lessons.

In my free time I'm usually out with friends exploring places, playing soccer, or just hanging out. Otherwise, I am at home relaxing or drawing. My school life can be pretty fun because of my friends. I take all 8 classes assigned to me and have high grades. Each class is about an hour and a half long and we alternate A and B days. These are when I have 4 classes one day and the other 4 the next. I am currently taking 4 optional courses including Art and Spanish, which is my 4th year taking the subject. I really like to draw. I find it calming. During the summer I keep myself busy working as a camp counselor, which I love.

My parents both have great sustainable jobs in my opinion. My mom is self-employed as a therapist, but is moving towards coaching. My dad is a manager and spokesperson for an energy company called PacifiCorp. My mom is from England so I've traveled there numerous times -- I took my first steps there too when I was 12 months old!

I've visited Prague, Germany, Mexico, England, France, and Spain. Last summer I went on a school trip for my Spanish class that lasted two weeks. We traveled all over Spain and France. It was very busy but the memories and experience I got out of it were definitely worth it.

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I think when it comes to things I dislike, I really don't like being treated younger than I am or as if I'm incapable of doing something that I know I can do. I wouldn't describe myself as a picky eater but I really cannot stand Asparagus and Brussel Sprouts. I love sweet foods, however my stomach can't handle too much sweet.

As for characteristics, I am a very good people person and also pretty flexible. I'm willing to try almost anything. I'm also pretty athletic so I am up for doing anything outdoorsy. I think when my social battery runs out (meaning I get very mentally tired), I tend to shut off a bit so I try to get lots of rest and small breaks to prevent that from happening. I have a pretty strong personality which can be great at times, but also becomes a hindrance when there's something I don't agree with.

I spend a lot of time thinking about my future and I really don't know what I want to be when I grow up yet, but I do know that I would love to either work in politics or somewhere outside. Either way I know I want to attend a very good college or university.

My ideal exchange partner does not need to be into sports, but I think being active and social would make a good match.

Finally, I would love to accomplish a better understanding of the culture outside the United States and experience it firsthand, from trying new foods to learning some of the language. I want to learn about it all. I want to come home with my exchange partner and show them what life is like for me. I hope you enjoyed learning about me. I look forward to meeting you!