



# International Student Exchange

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**Name:** Mariana Casillas

**Sex:** Female

**Age:** 16

**Country of Residence:** Spain

**Last Grade Completed:** 10th

**Interests:** Piano, Church, Travel



## Personal Background

Mariana is from Barcelona. Her father works in a bank while her mom stays home. She has one younger sister who is 14.

Mariana is a very enthusiastic girl that loves to travel and write music in her spare time. She is a brilliant student with an A average. She wants to continue to play the piano when she visits stays in the US.

## Host Family History

Mariana was placed in Michigan with the Robinson Family. They live in Grand, MI. Cameron and Diana Robinson were a younger couple with a 4 year old son. They have lived in Grand Rapids for 7 years. Cameron is a financial advisor and Diana stays home with their son Caiden.

The Robinsons decided to host when hearing the announcement through their church. They felt the experience would be very rewarding.



## Experiences

Mariana was used to a big city. Grand Rapids is a smaller city that has a town feel to it. Maria took a little while to adapt. When school started, Mariana made a lot of friends since being from Spain was unique to her school. She adjusted quite well.

School work and clubs kept her busy. She worked on the homecoming committee and helped organized the parade. She even brought some ideas from Spain.

Mariana took a trip to Orlando with other ISE students. She had never been to Disney World. She said it was one of the best trips of her life. Mariana even brought back a Mickey Mouse stuffed animal for Caiden.

