



# International Student Exchange

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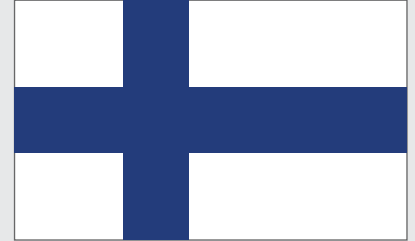
**Sex:** Male

**Age:** 16

**Country of Residence:** Finland

**Last Grade Completed:** 10th

**Interests:** Soccer, TV, Clubs, Travel



## Personal Background

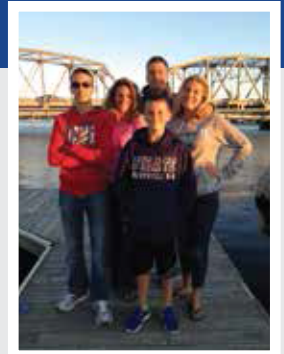
Jussi comes from a small town that is close to the arctic circle. He has one sister. His father runs his own company. Jussi's mom works for his father as a bookkeeper.

Jussi has a passion for sports, especially soccer. He is a C+ student and enjoys math. He loves animals and hopes to work in his father's company one day.

## Host Family History

Jussi was placed with the Novak family in Mississippi. Robert (Bob) and Cheryl Novak both work for the same company. Bob works on the factory floor while Cheryl works in marketing. They have three kids, Krissy, Justin and Robert Jr. Krissy attends college at Ole Miss. Justin is a senior while Bob Jr. is in 8th grade.

The Novak's decided to host after Justin's best friend hosted a student last year. Justin became good friends with the student and convinced his parents to host since Krissy had left for college.



## Experiences

A transition to a new school for Jussi was not without challenges. Jussi did very well in math and was great at speaking English. He needed some assistance with his reading for history and English.

Justin, his host brother, helped him in the beginning. Once Jussi's reading improved, he started doing much better in school.

Jussi had no problem making friends. His soccer skills became a positive as the football team's kicker. He had a nickname throughout town called "Das Bout" after he broke the school's field goal record.

Jussi went back to Finland. His host sister Krissy spent a semester in Sweden and took a trip to visit Jussi and his family.

