

Hi, my name is Sasha, and I want to tell you about me, my life and interests.

I was born in 1999 in Kharkov and lived all my life in this city. My parents are not native Ukrainians, they both arrived from abroad in the 90s to work and learn in a better place. Nevertheless, I consider myself a citizen of my country.

My greatest interest is, of course, physics. Now I'm a silver medalist of the international physics olympiad. This achievement wasn't a fortune, it was a result of several years of studies. I started learning physics individually when I was in the 7th grade. First it was just scholar physics, because our school teacher taught us badly. But when I took the first place in the regional olympiad in the 8th grade, I decided to study physics more. I started visiting physics evening classes which were held by Ilya Gelfgat, a teacher from the 27 lyceum, and also studied olympiad physics with Zakhar Maizelis. The result wasn't long to wait — I took the first place in the state olympiad. At that time I decided to become a scientist. That would acquire much more studies, so I decided to enter the lyceum 27. This decision changed my life greatly. In my new school I met the best Kharkov students and teachers, and, what is much more important, we were approaching the same target. Our dream was to win some international contest^{ants}. We with my friend Taras studied hard for the next two years. It was a difficult, but a very exciting time, because we contested with each other and with other talented students from our country. Finally we both succeeded, taking silver medals in the physics international olympiad. Maybe, my dream wasn't fulfilled, the next goal is gold in the international olympiad.

Of course, my life doesn't consist only of science. I also like playing chess, I'm a candidate of master of sports. When I have free time, I love playing in various chess tournaments, spending time there with my friends. It's more a hobby than a profession for me, but it helps well enough to relax after repeated science studies.

Also, I like riding my bike around the city. It's not only a way to get relaxed from my problems, it also makes my friends closer. As I study in the city wide lyceum, I have classmates and friends from other schools all over the city, and it's often a problem to get around and walk together. My bike solves this problem, I can reach my friends easily and quickly enough, and also think about my life during my way to them. Actually, I like just thinking and dreaming and listening to music while moving across the city.

I can also play table tennis, but I don't know many of my friends who also like playing, so this is a rare joy in my life. Generally, If I have free time and my friends also do, I'll find the way to enjoy the company.

I understand that science in universities in Ukraine is not at a high level, not the one that fits me. That's the reason I want to study abroad. The example of my parents encourages me to live by myself and do the job which I really enjoy. My dream now is to be a researcher in the world known innovational science centers, such as CERN or ITER projects.