

Dear Family,

My name is Maguire Hansel. I am from just outside of San Francisco, California and I currently attend The University of Virginia where I will be graduating in May 2026. I am studying Spanish on a pre-health track with hopes to go into Naturopathic Medicine. My dream is to get to live and work with a family abroad for a year while I prepare to move forward with my education. I have had incredible experiences working with children in the past. I have coached swim lessons, acted as a Project Supervisor for a youth cultural immersion program in Costa Rica, and am currently a Teaching Assistant for a course on transition and resilience at The University of Virginia. I am passionate about having fun and learning from life experiences. I LOVE to travel; last year I got to study abroad and live with a host family in Spain! In my free time I enjoy reading, cooking, running, hiking, swimming, dancing, skiing, spending time in nature, sharing and listening to stories, and playing any sort of board game or pick-up sport. I am interested in learning as much as I can about other people and their perspective on life. And of course I am interested in anything and everything nature, herbs, and healing.

In my family, I am the oldest sibling of three. My sister is only a year younger than me so we grew up experiencing the excitement of life together. My brother is three and a half years younger than me and has always been my partner in crime for shenanigans. My mother and my father work very hard to raise us with a life that has been nurturing educationally and emotionally and, of course, very fun.

My mom told me that in her dreams she would write a book called, "The Many Mothers of my Children." I grew up with two working parents which meant that many family members, friends, nannies, and neighbors stepped in to take on the project of raising me. As a teenager I became fascinated by the world and began to travel to countries where I stayed with host families who cared for me and helped me to grow even more. As an adult now I have had conversations with my mom about the many women who came into my life to help make me who I am. She has shared with me that for many years she felt jealous of these women who got to make such an impact on me, when she was my true mother. However, with time she realized that my "many mothers" taught me, and strengthened me in such diverse and beautiful ways, and her heart turned to deep gratitude for these women. My "many mothers" built me into the woman I am today; and I am constantly inspired by their care, kindness, and love. They are who I strive to be in life. Throughout the past few years I have followed them in my roles as teacher, counselor, and caregiver. My experiences being nurtured by such incredible women have inspired me to want to be an au pair. As an au pair I know that I would have the opportunity to grow even more into the kindness, caring, and love of my "many mothers."

I am so excited to get to be part of your beautiful family!

With much joy,

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