



## STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL

### 2019-20 ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAM (National Pool as of 5/14/2019 1PM)

These students are available for placement on a first-come, first-served basis. To submit a hosting application, please contact the States' 4-H Coordinator for your state. You may also contact the main States' 4-H office for assistance at [exchange@states4h.org](mailto:exchange@states4h.org) or 206-462-2200. **New additions to the national pool are in green.** Delegates with families currently working to complete applications are marked as having a "strong lead."

### GIRLS

Name	Country	Age*	Grade Entering	ELTiS Score	Interests, Personality, and Notes
Viktoria	Bulgaria (YES)	16	10	225	Viktoria is an "outgoing, hardworking girl from a not so big city in Bulgaria." She is very closest with her family and they often take trips together on the weekends. She enjoys photography and hanging out with her friends. Her hobbies, beyond drawing, music, books, include Muay Thai. She takes Muay Thai classes with some of her friends. Viktoria is interested in studying medicine to someday be a forensic lab technician. Viktoria says her favorite activity is volunteering and she looks forward to doing some volunteer projects in the US. She is also interested in visiting new places, trying a new martial art, and getting to know local cultures and history. Her teachers also describe her as hardworking and add that she is organized and cooperative. She has one younger brother. Her family is Christian.
Selin	Turkey (YES)	16	10	227	Selin is from a very large city in Turkey. She has one younger brother. Her favorite activities are sports and art, especially figure skating, which she is learning. She also loves books, including Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings. She is also a big fan of Star Wars. With her friends she often goes shopping and to local cafes. She is interested in going to a baseball game in the United States and also experiencing Halloween and Christmas. She is a member of her school theater group as well as her school dance club. Selin is looking forward to testing herself in the US and becoming a part of the American culture. She is allergic to pollen. Her family is Muslim and she does not eat pork. However, she "wants to try it" in the US!

Sanita <b>-strong lead-</b>	Bosnia and Herzegovina (YES)	17	11	263	Sanita is excited to meet new people in America and experience a different way of a life. She is from a smaller town and writes that opportunities for younger women can be limited. She is looking forward to proving herself through this program. She attends a medical high school and intends on continuing to study medicine and pursue her goal of becoming a surgeon. Sanita exercises often and has participated in several formal running events. She likes to go to the movies with her friends on the weekend. She is a member of her school's ecology and computer science clubs and also is the Class President. She volunteers at her local library giving math and English lessons to children. Sanita's family is Muslim. She does not have any dietary restrictions.
Alisa	Macedonia (YES)	16	11	235	Alisa attends an international high school in one of the bigger cities in North Macedonia. She enjoys going for coffee and shopping with her friends and likes to spend her time walking in the mountains during the weekend. Alisa has been taking guitar classes for the past few years and says it is her favorite activity. She lived in Switzerland for several years and can speak German as well as Albanian. She is interested in possibly studying psychology in the future. Her teacher describes her as being very active and involved in a variety of school activities, especially those connected to music. Alisa's family is Muslim and while they do not attend religious services, she does not eat pork. Alisa is allergic to pollen.
Nura <b>-strong lead-</b>	Bosnia and Herzegovina (YES)	17	11	250	Nura comes from a family of five, including two little sisters. Her father is a diplomat so their family has moved many times. Nura has lived for two years in Pakistan, two years in the United States (Virginia), and three years in Turkey. Nura has many hobbies but reading and writing are some of her favorites. She writes for her school newspaper. She also skis and plays tennis. Nura's teacher describes her as "talented, caring, intuitive, and dedicated." Nura is from a larger city in her country and enjoys riding bikes and going out for walks. But she also enjoys indoor activities such as baking, cooking, and spending time reading books. Nura feels that the many times her family has moved has helped prepare her for spending a year in the United States as she has become more adaptable. Nura has a pollen allergy. She is Muslim and does not eat pork.

Hinano	Japan (Labo)	17	11	215	Hinano, or 'Hina' is looking forward to coming to the US to learn more about American culture. She likes cooking and would like to cook Wasyoku, Japanese traditional foods, with her host family. She is a member of her school's photography club and English-speaking society. She describes herself as talkative, communicative and friendly. She also plays piano and contrabass. Hina sings songs everywhere she goes and laughs easily. She is worried about her English ability but is committed to working hard to do her best in the USA.
Yuna <b>-strong lead-</b>	Japan (Labo)	17	12	215	Yuna has a dream to support tourists and international exchange students who visit Japan. Studying abroad is part of her plan to pursue this dream. She has been an active Labo member for many years and is also in her school's brass band where she plays saxophone and trombone. She also likes to listen to music and watch movies. She rides her bike to school every day, which takes her 40 minutes each way! Yuna's family has a dog and her mother says Yuna is good with small children. Her favorite classes are music, English, and PE.
Haruka	Japan (Labo)	17	12	215	Haruka was greatly moved by her experience visiting Oklahoma for the one month summer exchange program in 2015. At that time she was able to visit a school for 3 days and was "interested in the way of teaching and the close relations between teachers and students". She made the decision to come back to the USA to study after experiencing this. Haruka has been a member of her kendo club since she was 10 years. She practices everyday. She also likes singing, listening to music and outdoor activities. Her favorite subject in school is geography and she is looking forward to taking an American-style math class at her new high school!
Ririko <b>-strong lead-</b>	Japan (Labo)	17	12	217	Ririko is a big fan of the American TV show, "Glee", and is looking forward to joining a glee club or show choir. She learned about the diversity in American schools through this show and is interested in learning more about the differences in American and Japanese culture. Ririko has belonged to a gospel choir for many years and loves signing with her choir. She also likes shopping, dancing, and fashion. She is interested in trying many different activities in the US. Ririko also loves learning English, which is her favorite subject in school. She believes learning English will help her connect and get closer to others.

Uran	Japan (LEX)	17	11	223	Uran comes from a family that greatly values Japanese traditional culture. Her father makes 'tatami' and her late grandfather was a teacher of Japanese traditional music, Minyo. She is the youngest of three children. Uran loves singing, going to karaoke and playing sports. She also plays the Japanese traditional instrument, shamisen. She is a member of her school's track and field team. She likes science and her favorite subjects are chemistry and biology. She has a milk allergy but can consume it if it is heated. She has done two homestays-one to Russia in 2012 and to American in 2014. Uran is excited about homecoming and dance parties!
Niina	Japan (LEX)	17	11	223	Niina has many reasons for wanting to come to the United States. She is interested in American educational culture as she would like be a researched of early childhood education. She is looking forward to sharing Japanese culture and to create new relationships with American friends. Niina plays the violin and does kyudo (Japanese archery). She also enjoys badminton, track, swimming, trying new foods, and singing. Her family has hosted many exchange students on short and long-term homestays. She likes burgers and fries. One of her favorite classes is PE as she really enjoys playing handball. Niina is the youngest child in her family and has an older brother and sister.
Riko	Japan (LEX)	17	11	232	Riko is coming to the US to broaden her horizons by "receiving inspiration" from those that she meets while in America. She likes playing badminton, basketball, and snowboarding. She also likes listening to music, plays the drums and enjoys playing video games. She was on a competitive badminton club for her school. Riko has one older sister and her grandparents live together with her family. She loves tacos and remembers fondly a camping trip she took with her host family in 2015 when she was a participant in the summer month-long exchange program.
Seoyeong B	South Korea (BFE)	15	9	233	Seoyeong attends an international school in Korea where the courses are taught in English. During the weekdays, she lives at the school in a dormitory. She participates in school activities and enjoys playing the flute, learning belly dancing, and cooking. Learning languages is one of her strengths. Seoyeong recently spent three weeks in the US over the summer doing a language course in English. She was a member of Cub Scouts in Korea and enjoys drawing and listening to music. Her favorite subjects are world history and English. She is a little worried about missing Korean food but is looking forward to cooking with her host family and introducing Korean culture, including contemporary and

					traditional music.
Yeonwoo	South Korea (BFE)	15	9	223	Yeonwoo is an only child who lives with her parents and her cat, Joony. She enjoys art, calligraphy, languages and music. She also likes to read and cook. She would like to be a translator so is motivated to improve her English skills during her exchange year. She is looking forward to meeting her host family and spending lots of time with them, she is hoping to have host siblings as she is an only child. Her favorite classes are English, math and art. She also really enjoys science class and for a time wanted to be a biologist. Although she is not that interested in sports or outdoor activities, she likes animals and is interested in trying new activities involving animals. She also has a slight sun allergy if her skin is exposed to the sun for too long. Despite this she has participated in school running and dodgeball competitions.
Yejin	South Korea (BFE)	17	12	220	Yejin is an only child but she describes her family as a “full of laughs family”. Her family goes to church regularly together and it is a big part of their lives. Her mother cooks for the church and Yejin participates in many church activities. She once had a dream to be the President of Korea but now would like to be a sports counselor. She is looking forward to spending a year in the US and trying new activities. She plays piano and likes music and singing but also is interested in playing sports. In Korea, she has participated in taekwando, student council, Girl Scouts and is in her church choir. She has also attended a mission trip to the Philippines.

## BOYS:

Name	Country	Age*	Grade Entering	ELTiS Score	Interests, Personality, and Notes
Muhammad	Pakistan (YES)	16	11	250	Muhammad is a student at a boarding school in one of Pakistan's largest cities. He has two much younger siblings. His favorite activity is debate and has been participating in regional competitions since he was 9. He also does Model UN and likes to play soccer and cricket. Muhammad is really looking forward to joining his school's debate team and other academic activities. His teacher describes him as a hard worker and highly motivated. He hopes to study astronomy in the future and has ambitions of becoming an astronomer. Muhammad has been really moved by his participation in debate, Model UN, and also regional English speech competitions. He is looking forward to the responsibility of representing his country while in the US and learning about American culture and lifestyles. He is looking forward to sledding in the US!
Abd El Rahman	Egypt (YES)	15	10	236	Abd El Rahman comes from a family of five and one of the biggest cities in Egypt. He also likes soccer, swimming, drawing and reading. He enjoys spending time with his family, including his grandmother and aunt, but also enjoy playing video games with friends. He is interested in engineering and robotics and eventually to be an aviation engineer. Abd El Rahman describes himself as easy going, simple, and easily satisfied. He is looking forward to a lifelong relationship with his host family and to give a good impression to others about himself and his country. He is a member of his school's science club and plays soccer regularly. He is Muslim and regularly attends services with his family.
Jad	Lebanon (YES)	15	10	242	Jad is from a very small mountain village in Lebanon. He has two older siblings and a dog, Sasha. He likes to watch movies with his family and on Sundays they have a BBQ together. He likes sports, especially basketball and swimming. For Jad, basketball is 'meditation'! He also is a part of a Scouts group and often rides his bike to and from his activities in the village. He would like to study international affairs and political science in the future. He says that this is to get him closer to his goal of becoming an Ambassador for Lebanon. He has studied French for five years. His family identifies as Druze, one of the major religions in the Levant region. He does not have any dietary restrictions.

Lerious <b>-strong lead-</b>	Liberia (YES)	16	11	236	Lerious comes from a family of seven. He has two brothers and two sisters and also lives with his grandparents. His family makes and sells bread, which he helps with. His family is Christian and he attends a Christian high school. He likes playing soccer and basketball and also is on the school quiz team. He says that this is his favorite activity and his school team has won awards during quiz competitions. Lerious likes science and would like to be a doctor in the future. For him, this exchange program is a special educational opportunity and he is looking forward to the chance.
Tushil	India (YES)	16	11	215	Tushil is an only child from a city in Western India. He is interested in writing, spending time with his family, playing games such as chess, and cooking. He is interested in sports and drama and also likes listening to music and dancing. He has been a part of his school's drama club and science Olympiad. He hopes to be an author in the future. Tushil's teacher describes him as "enthusiastic" and energetic. Tushil's family is Hindu and he does not eat meat. Tushil is looking forward to learning more about American society and to traveling. Participating in the YES Program will be his first opportunity to travel to a country outside of India.
Henri	Albania (YES)	17	12	263	Henri has always dreamt of visiting the US. He hopes to one day study engineering in the US. His favorite subjects are math and physics. He also likes playing soccer, basketball and working out. His teacher describes him as having "great communication skills". Henri has tried to learn about American culture through the internet but is looking forward to experiencing it himself. He hopes to learn from American society, which he describes as more "open" than his home country. Henri is also excited about Halloween in America and is planning to dress up as his favorite superhero.
Abdul	Indonesia (YES)	17	12	201	Abdul loves reading and signing. He also participates in his school's English club, of which he was elected as the President, and debate club. He volunteers every week, previously with the Red Cross and currently with a literacy program for youth from underdeveloped areas. Participating in YES will be Abdul's first time visiting another country. He considers this opportunity his "dream" and is looking forward to sharing his culture with his host family and community. His favorite subjects in school are chemistry and English. As a member of an intra-school organization, Abdul helps organize events and competitions between schools in his region. He has an older brother and an older sister. Abdul is Muslim and does not eat pork.

Eunhan	South Korea (BFE)	15	10	223	Eunhan plans to be a pilot in the future and is hoping to improve his communication skills while in the US. Eunhan plays guitar and is a member of his school's magazine club and computer programming club. Eunhan's sister also has participated as a year-long student in the US. Eunhan likes baking and playing basketball. He is responsible for washing the dishes at home and helping with the laundry. He is excited to embrace a new learning culture and to make friends with American students.
Eunjun	South Korea (BFE)	15	10	233	Eunjun is excited to learn about American culture and to share his favorite things about Korean culture with his host family. He goes to a small school in Korea, which is slightly unusual, and is a member of the volleyball and soccer teams. He is also on the school's Student Council. Eunjun also loves music and has been playing the piano since he was seven. He sometimes goes to sing karaoke with his friends. He is a big fan of the Marvel movie series. His dream is to be a military officer. His favorite subjects at school are PE, Math and English and his favorite American food is spaghetti. Eunjun's mother describes him as cheerful and energetic.
YeGyeom	South Korea (BFE)	15	9	220	Yegyeom goes by the English name 'Michael' due to his admiration for Michael Jordan. He describes himself as active and sociable. He is very interested in sports. He is dedicated to soccer and hopes to enter a soccer high school upon returning to Korea. Playing soccer in America is one of his goals. He also likes basketball, singing and watching movie. Michael has an enthusiasm for English and is hoping to improve his language skills while an exchange student. Michael lived in the Philippines for several years as a middle school student and so is used to navigating cultural differences. He thinks his outgoing personality will help him make friends. Beyond meeting new people, he is excited to join new activities and eat steak!
Kyum	South Korea (BFE)	16	22	223	Kyum is open-minded and adaptable, according to his mother. He is a talented artist and considers art one of his passions. He also likes playing basketball and is a member of his church's youth council. His favorite subject at school is history and he is a member of his school's history discussion club. He plays bass guitar. He likes listening to music and watching classic films. Kyum has a younger sister and they like to laugh together. When he was 14, he and his family spent part of a year in New Zealand and he attended a school there for a semester. Kyum does not own a cell phone! His dream is to become an architect.



Sunmin	South Korea (BFE)	15	10	233	Sunmin looks forward to learning a new culture and meeting new people in the US. He describes himself as shy at first but someone who becomes active and outgoing after getting to know someone better. He plays soccer at school and also does Taekwando. He has been a member of the Boy Scouts in Korea. He also likes playing basketball. He draws and has been a participant in several art contests, he also plays piano. Sunmin is excited about Thanksgiving and comparing it with family traditions in Korea. His teachers describe him as bright and polite, his mother echoes these sentiments and adds that he is positive and cooperative. Sunmin has a sister and lives very close to his maternal grandparents so visits with them often.
Hyunbin	South Korea (BFE)	15	10	224	Hyunbin enjoys piano, soccer, table tennis, cooking, and swimming. He was a member of his school's soccer team and also played table tennis competitively. Hyunbin, who also goes by 'Kevin', is hoping to learn more about American culture and to experience Thanksgiving and Halloween. He regularly volunteers in Korea, visiting senior citizens and eating and walking with them. As mentioned earlier he likes cooking although his mother says he is not very good yet. His family has a cat named Jackson who Hyunbin is responsible for caring for. He is outgoing and active and is confident of making new friends in the US. He is also excited about eating American food as his favorite food is beef.
Yamato	Japan (LEX)	16	11	222	Yamato is a very active young person with many interests and passions. He is interested in other cultures and has traveled extensively. He has done four overseas homestays and traveled to Thailand as part of a school service trip. He also likes camping, basketball, ultimate frisbee, snowboarding and soccer. He describes himself as active, cheerful, adaptable, reliable and sincere. Yamato is in the mountaineering and volunteering club at his school and played baseball when he was younger. He has had some knee injury issues but they do not impact his ability to be active. One memorable experience he carries with him was participating in the summer exchange program to Wisconsin where he discovered his love of dairy products, which he still counts among his favorite foods. Yamato has one younger sister and likes going to Costco with his mom.

Kosuke	Japan (LEX)	16	10	223	Kosuke stays busy by participating in many different school clubs and extracurriculars. He is a member of the handball team, which he plays everyday. He also does calligraphy and plays baseball. He likes reading and cooking as well as doing other outdoor activities. Kosuke's favorite classes are biology, PE, math, and English. He really likes Marvel and Star Wars movies. His career goal is to be an international lawyer or CPA. He is allergic to cats.
Nao	Japan (LEX)	16	10	222	Nao loves playing baseball and soccer. He also runs track and does karate. He is a cheerful, sociable, active, and friendly young person. His interest in sports has led him to wanting to become an athletic trainer. He also enjoys cooking and often cooks dinner for his younger brother since his mother works late. Nao is diagnosed with phenylketonuria and drinks a special medical milk and maintains a low protein diet. He will bring the medical milk with him. He also needs to do self-administered blood draws on a monthly basis. He knows how to handle his condition and it does not restrict him from pursuing his love of sports and eating meat!

*\*Age as of August 1, 2019*

**Pending Placement (A host family has already been identified for these students; placement is in process)**

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Anxhela <b>-pending placement-</b>	Albania (YES)	16	11	250	Anxhela likes reading, jogging, exercising, and playing with her cats. She also practices table tennis, which she has formally competed in, and enjoys drawing. She is hoping to play tennis in the United States. She is interested in studying neuropsychology in the future and is studying German along with learning English. Anxhela describes herself as positive and patient. She would one day like to live by the sea. In the United States, she is looking forward to learning a new culture and to experience personal growth and to learn her boundaries. She is looking forward to becoming a more independent person and to making new friends. Anxhela is Muslim but has no dietary restrictions.
Mehmet <b>-pending placement-</b>	Turkey (YES)	15	10	218	Mehmet likes 'simple' activities such as reading books, listening to music, and talking with his family. He also likes going to see movies with his friends and sitting by the sea. He is the President of his class at school but it makes him feel weird when his friends call him 'President'. He has also participated in Model UN and plays goalie for his class's soccer team. He is in the debate club at school and also writes as a hobby. His teacher describes Mehmet as "kind, humble, responsible and never late for school!". He is interested in possibly becoming an anthropologist or politician in the future. Mehmet has one younger sister. His family is Muslim but he does not have any dietary restrictions.
Flaka <b>-pending placement-</b>	Kosovo (YES)	17	12	242	Flaka describes herself as having a really unique personality in that she is creative and imaginative. She comes from a large family of six people and lives in a larger city in Kosovo. She has two sisters and a younger brother. Flaka likes music and often goes to karaoke with her friends. She also likes reading books, drawing, magazines, and math. She is hoping to pursue a career as an architect. In the United States she is looking forward to trying cheerleading and joining a debate club. Flaka's math teacher says that she intelligent, sharp, quick, and a good contributor to group work. Flaka's family is Muslim and occasionally attends services but she does not have any dietary restrictions connected to her religious beliefs.
Kristina <b>-pending placement-</b>	Bulgaria (YES)	15	10	235	Kristina describes herself as very active. She loves playing sports, especially doing aerobics and gymnastics. She also likes hiking, singing, dancing and snowboarding. When she has free time she likes to spend it with her friends, relaxing and watching and movies. She is looking

					forward to trying basketball and watching a football game in the United States. Kristina worked hard to get accepted into a language high school in Bulgaria and was successful. But, she still has been waiting for the opportunity to apply for the YES Program. Kristina has often traveled to other countries in Europe for sports competitions. Kristina is an only child. She is interested in becoming a criminologist in the future.
Sujin <b>-pending placement-</b>	South Korea (BFE)	15	9	223	Sujin is an ambitious young person with dreams of becoming a diplomat or politician in the future. Participating in this exchange program is partially motivated by these goals. She is very interested in history and is looking forward to learning about American history. She and her family sometimes go camping. She also used to participate in fencing. Sujin says that she is always singing-in the car, in the shower, when she is bored. She loves music and is looking forward to sharing about k-pop with her host family. She is in the English speaking club and health club at her school. She enjoys playing softball at school although she says she is scared of fast pitches and that she is a slow runner! Sujin takes the lead in her activities and is the leader of her history, English and science classes.

***Placed!!!! (paperwork is complete, including high school acceptance)***

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Marina <b>-Placed!</b>	Macedonia (YES)	17	12	230	Marina is a very accomplished student who is also a committed volunteer. Marina has been volunteering weekly with the Red Cross for several years and cites volunteering as her favorite activity. She also likes cooking swimming, listening to music, and photography. Marina's teacher describes her as a good leader and a respectful student. Marina's favorite season is summer as she likes having the opportunity to swim and spend time with friends around a bonfire. In the United States she is looking forward to becoming more independent and to sharing about Macedonia with others. Marina has one younger brother and her family identifies as Orthodox Christian.
Seoyeong J <b>-Placed!</b>	South Korea (Korea 4-H)	17	11	220	Seoyoung is our first year-long exchange student from Korea 4-H. She visited Virginia in the summer of 2016 as part of the Korea 4-H summer exchange program. Seoyoung is very active and recently was recognized with a volunteer award from her city's Education Superintendent. She has also participated in the national table tennis championships. Her family is Catholic. Her favorite subjects are science and PE and she does

					volunteer work in her city that involves teaching science to others. She is learning piano and the Korean traditional fiddle. She describes herself as adaptable, open, friendly and extroverted. Besides table tennis, she also likes to swim, ski, ride her bike and go camping with her family. Seoyeong is an only child who is looking forward to having some host siblings!
Fumina <b>-Placed!</b>	Japan (LEX)	16	10	222	Fumina is looking forward to sharing her culture with her host family and to gaining self-confidence through the exchange program. She is a member of her school brass band where she plays tuba. She is also an active Hippo club member. Her mother describes her as a good listener, bright, and kind. She also enjoys listening to music, watching movies and going shopping with her friends. Her favorite subject in school is math and she also loves pizza and camping. Fumina is looking forward to making miso soup and origami with her host family.
Andonija <b>-Placed!</b>	Macedonia (YES)	17	11	227	Andonija describes herself as sociable, helpful, smiling and a little bit shy. She likes reading, jazz, drinking tea and trying new foods, especially pastries. Andonija enjoys shopping, swimming, jogging, cooking, and is learning French. She previously played basketball for her school team. She has extensive travel experience and has visited many countries throughout Europe. Andonija has one younger sister and her family identifies as Christian. She is looking forward to learning about a new culture in the US and experiencing Christmas and Thanksgiving as well as visiting America's famous museums. She is hoping to be a marine biologist or a NASCAR engineer as a future career.
Ayane <b>-Placed!</b>	Japan (LEX)	16	10	218	Ayane is very active and enjoys sports, outdoor activities, dance, music, cooking and swimming. She is also a fan of k-pop and can speak some Korean. She describes her unique point as her courage and her flexibility and sense of responsibility. She is interested in learning more about American history, society, and culture. She would like to be an airline ground staff for a career. She is a member of her school's tea ceremony club. Ayane often visits the baseball stadium with her family. She is excited about meeting her American host family and cooking together. Her mother reports that she makes good French Toast!
Leke <b>-Placed!</b>	Kosovo (YES)	17	12	250	Leke describes himself as 'family-oriented' and is a little nervous about being away from his family, including their Golden Retriever, Buddy. He and his family go for hikes together and go the park and cinema. He likes reading and also plays many sports including soccer, track, tennis, skiing, and swimming. He regularly volunteers with a volunteer

					organization in his city and is looking forward to volunteering in the United States. He also is interested in trying track and American football. He is interested in maybe becoming a pilot, computer programmer, or a comedian as he likes to make people laugh. Leke has an older brother and sister. His older sister lives in Michigan. Leke wants to help make Kosovo known outside of the Balkans and to help people understand the beauty of his country.
Umi <b>-Placed!</b>	Japan (LEX)	15	10	222	Umi has a lot of varied interests. She likes manga and video games although she does not own any video games, nor a cell phone. She is on her school's volleyball and badminton teams. Her family has hosted exchange students many times and she is active in Hippo club meetings. She also does Japanese calligraphy and is a skier. She loves Harry Potter (favorite character is Ron!) and watching baseball with her family. Umi is looking forward to trying a new sport, eating pizza and hamburgers, and getting to know American high school life. She has one younger sister and enjoys playing with younger children as part of her Hippo club meetings. Umi describes herself as empathetic, gentle and friendly.
Yebom <b>-Placed!</b>	South Korea (BFE)	16	10	233	Yebom is a very busy and active young person. She is the vice-president of both her school and class and is on the student council. She also is learning traditional Korean music. She is very interested in fashion and is hoping to be a makeup artist for her profession. She plays the piano and has participated in some volunteer activities in Korea. She lived in Vietnam for a period of time in middle school and traveled extensively with her family. She describes herself as active and outgoing but admits she can be a picky eater and does not always enjoy eating fruits and vegetables. Yebom looks forward to learning about the cultural differences between the US and Korea and to making friends with whom she can share her interests in fashion, makeup and k-pop.