



Anna Shishkova

Current Location: Moscow, Russia

Birthday: June 18, 1983 (age 24)

Profession: Translator/Contract Manager

Religion: Christian

Languages Spoken: English, Russian, German

FLEX Alumna: Corvallis, OR, 1999

Other: Non-smoker, no dietary restrictions, very scared of dogs (was bitten in the past)

Anna currently works for a company that manages international security projects between the U.S. and Russia. She sees a close connection between this work and governance issues, which is why she is interested in the LEAP program. She hopes to learn more about international political cooperation, in particular how the U.S. manages internal and external politics. She would then like to take this knowledge back to Russia, where she plans to share it with her counterparts as a basis for comparative analysis. Originally from Vladimir, Anna graduated from the university there with a degree in English and German. Before college, she spent a year attending high school in Oregon – one of the most amazing experiences of her life thus far.

Hobbies & Interests: Anna she has been part of a signing group called “Shans” since she was five years old. She also loves traveling, camping/picnicking, and learning about new people and places.

Favorite Thing About the U.S.: “I love how brave and bold people are in the US about new things, professions, lifestyles. I like their positive attitude to whatever they do in life and optimism – it’s contagious and makes them and the world around active.”

Outlook on Living with a Host Family: “I have a great experience of living with a host family during my FLEX year. I think the most important thing is to respect differences and learn from each other. I am looking forward to spending time with my future host family, do some exciting things together and explore, share our Russian culture with them. I am looking forward to have an active cultural exchange”.

Anna’s Personality in Three Words: Enthusiastic, kind-hearted, active.

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