



Connecting Lives, Sharing Cultures

Celine (Female from Malaysia) - YES Program

Service Ref: 13-00332
Age: 15 years
Program: Semester Program for South Hemisphere(January through May) / 2014
Status: Nationally Available
GPA/Quartile: 1st Quartile **Religion:** Buddhist
Diploma/Graduate: December 2016 **SLEP/ELRF:** BLIND
Smoke: No **Graduate:** N
Parent: Senior Manager/Housewife
Pets: Any pets okay



**Dietary
Restrictions:**
**Biographical
Summary:**



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****JANUARY 2014 ARRIVAL**** Celine is an ambitious young woman from peninsular Malaysia. She is from a loving family, comprised of her father, her mother and her younger brother. They truly enjoy spending their time together when she is home from boarding school on weekends. Together they have picnics, go to museums, planetariums, zoos... you name it! if it's fun and educational, they are on board to do it as a family.

Celine is a self-described "chatterbox." This, in combination with her open-mindedness has been advantageous in helping her meet new and different people, which she loves to do. She has a great thirst for knowledge and considers herself very active, too. As a consequence, Celine is willing to challenge herself and do many things that some Blind people might not feel comfortable doing.

Her great ambition fuels one of her greatest goals in life: one day, Celine wants to attend Harvard's School of Law so she can pursue a career in legal studies. She considers the opportunity to come to the USA as a YES scholarship student just the first step towards this greater goal. Regardless of her ambitious plans for the future, she is excited to visit new places in America and to learn about the country now.

Currently, Celine attends a residential school for the Blind, which means that she manages a lot of personal responsibilities on her own. She maintains her own room, washes and irons her own clothing and she prides herself on her self-sufficiency. In her courses she is a top performer and gets top-notch grades. But she doesn't stop there. In addition to maintaining good grades and managing her own laundry and living space, she is an athlete and a pianist! Her track and field events include shot put, long jump and high jump and she has received awards for her sporting achievements.

Celine will arrive in her host community on Saturday, January 25th following an arrival orientation and an orientation for students with disabilities in the Washington DC area.

At school, Celine needs learning materials in Braille and tactile graphics in order to have access to the curriculum.

YES Students need to be placed in established Sponsored Programs Clusters; if you have questions about this, please contact your local volunteer leadership or Team Development Specialist.