

Maria - 11 years old

**My favorite things:** I like singing, dancing, art, swimming, photography, and playing on the monkey bars. My favorite thing right now is doing activities. In the past I have also really liked electronics, and my favorite TV show is Miraculous: Tales of Ladybug & Cat Noir.

**Things I don't like:** I don't like being confronted when I make mistakes. I like to stay busy and don't like waiting. I don't like loud voices. I like having space when I need to calm down. I also don't like people drinking or smoking around me.

**Favorite foods:** Tacos, spaghetti, mac & cheese, hot dogs, carrots, salad, blueberry pie, cucumbers, Dunkin Donuts, sandwiches, pizza, and most fruit.

**What I want in a family:** I want a family who loves me and is able to spend time with me. I would love to have a pet, such as a dog or a cat. I would like a mom, a dad, and an older sibling. I would like to live in a spacious house with not a lot of neighbors. I would like a bedroom that is not in the basement. I want to live in a safe town so I know I won't be hurt. A swimming pool would be really cool.

**What I want families to know about me:** I am a nice person, I like to talk, and I am creative. I am smart and I like to tell stories. It takes me a little while to get settled in, but once I do and I find comfort, I will be fine. I need limits and boundaries but not physical ones.

**What we want families to know about Maria:** Maria is bright, she has a great sense of humor, and an incredible imagination. She is good at swimming, singing, art, and building forts. She needs patient parents who can set firm boundaries. She would benefit from an active family who can keep her busy. Maria thrives from close and consistent contact with adults. She could do well with other children in the home, ideally children who are older than her. Maria is passionate about her biracial identity and would love her future family to embrace her.

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