

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTEERS

- Complete a Volunteer Application which requires personal information, a criminal background check and 2 non-Rotarian/relative references.
- Take an annual, Department of State (online) test required of Local Coordinators and recommended for other volunteers.
- Participate in District Rotary Youth Exchange training sessions and meetings.
- Commit to providing supplemental support to the student and host families.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Clubs should budget a minimum of \$2,000 to host a student. This includes:

- \$100 monthly stipend paid directly to the student
- \$75* monthly for school lunch
- \$100* annually for school registration, book, uniform and/or technology fees
- \$150 annually for incidental expenses such as activity or club fees

Clubs may optionally choose to fund none, in part or in whole:

- Cell phone plan ~\$60 monthly
- School photos ~\$60 annually
- Sports banners ~\$60 annually
- USA Bus Tour: see www.usatours.us

*Fees vary by school district. Contact your local school officials to obtain actual expenses.

ROTARY DISTRICT 6000

The Rotary Youth Exchange program in our area is administered by volunteers in Rotary District 6000. These volunteers will:

- Protect the student by thoroughly vetting host family members and Rotarian volunteers with whom they interact.
- Provide orientation and training to prepare for the experience of hosting an exchange student.
- Serve as a point of contact for any and all concerns.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Please also visit:

Rotary District 6000 Youth Exchange
www.rotary6000.org
Navigate to Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary International Youth Exchange
<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/youth-exchanges/details>



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE

INFORMATION FOR
PROSPECTIVE HOST CLUBS



Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) provides the opportunity for young people to be Youth Ambassadors around the world.

Rotary International has the best administered, safest and lowest cost International Youth Exchange program. And since this is a Rotary International program, students will be hosted by and have the opportunity for quality experiences with Rotarians in the local Club.

District 6000 Clubs sponsor long-term exchanges from mid-August through the end of the US school year.

FOR HOSTING CLUBS

Rotary's long-term exchange presents opportunities for international high school students to live and study in our local communities.

The goal is for youth to advance their education, grow in global understanding, and contribute to local and international communities by allowing them to attend school in a different country. Students live with host families in their adopted land under the sponsorship and supervision of the local host Rotary club.

Since the Rotary Youth Exchange program has such a rich history with arrangements made by local Rotarians, your club, host families and the student will be supported during all phases of the exchange.



Hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange student helps support Rotary International's goal of building peace through understanding by exposing individuals to different cultures.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSTING CLUBS

- Commitment to hosting by the Club President and Club members.
- Approval from the local school district for a student to attend classes.
- Dedication from a Youth Exchange Committee consisting of a minimum of two volunteers (3-6 is better) including at least one male and one female member.
- Designate a Youth Exchange Officer and Local Coordinator to handle primary duties. Individuals in these roles may not host a student during the year in which they serve.
- Secure one, two or three host families for the student to live with during exchange.
- Financial support for the student, including school registration fees, school lunches, a monthly stipend and incidental expenses.
- Engage the student in Rotary Club meetings, service projects and activities.
- Provide supplemental transportation for the student to local and district events and trainings.

PRIMARY YOUTH EXCHANGE ROLES

Youth Exchange Officer (YEO)

- Ensure required documentation and trainings are completed by the Club and local Volunteers.
- Secure school district approval for the student to attend classes.
- Work in tandem with the Local Coordinator to recruit and screen potential host families.
- Conduct secondary follow up visits to host family homes after students are placed.
- Commit to 5-10 hours of monthly volunteer duties.

Local Coordinator / Counselor (LC)

- Meet the student upon arrival, provide temporary (1-2 nights) housing and orientation, acclimating the student to the school, host family and community.
- Serve as the primary point of contact for the student and host families and commit to a minimum of monthly contact with both parties.
- Interview prospective host families and conduct home visits with documentation.
- Provide orientation and training for the student and host families.
- Record monthly contacts in the Rotary Youth Exchange Database to meet Department of State requirements.
- Coordinate and communicate with the District Inbound Coordinator(s) on matters relating to the student and host family.
- Commit to 5-10 hours of monthly volunteer duties.