WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary International is a global organization of business and professional leaders dedicated to humanitarian service, ethical standards, goodwill, and peace. With over 1.4 million members across 46,000 clubs worldwide, we address pressing issues like poverty, hunger, illiteracy, and clean water, while fostering future leaders though career development and mentoring programs.





AM I ELIGIBLE?

Rotary Youth Exchange welcomes students aged 15-25 (age restrictions may vary by country and exchange type). Successful candidates are above-average students who've shown leadership in school and their community. Traits like curiosity, flexibility, and a sense of adventure are essential. All applicants are sponsored by a local Rotary club, guiding them through an online application and an in-person interview.



EVERY GREAT DREAM BEGINS WITH A DREAMER. ALWAYS REMEMBER, YOU HAVE WITHIN YOU THE STRENGTH, THE PATIENCE, AND THE PASSION TO REACH FOR THE STARS TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

-Harriet Tubman

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Short Term Exchange Programs can make it happen

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THE BEST SUMMER OF YOUR LIFE!

Every year, nearly 9,000 students from nearly 100 countries participate in Rotary Youth Exchange. Are you interested in:

- immersing yourself in new cultures
- forging lifelong international friendships
- and challenging yourself as an ambassador?

If so, you have what it takes to be a Rotary Youth Exchange Student!

Spend your summer seeing a new country and making lasting friendships with your partner family or fellow campers.
You can participate in a Family to Family exchange or an international Camp/Tour.



FAMILY TO FAMILY

As a Family to Family Exchange student, you should be between the ages of 15-17. You will be matched with a student of similar age and interests from abroad. You will spend about one month living with your match's family as a member of their family and in turn, your match will spend a month with you and your family. This is an exciting opportunity for not only the exchange students, but also for families to experience a new culture, make lifelong friendships and serve as ambassadors for their countries and communities.



INTERNATIONAL CAMPS/TOURS

International camps and tours involve a structured one-way experience where students from the USA between the ages of 16-25 participate in a camp or tour in a host country that is planned and sponsored by local Rotarians. Camp themes vary from sports to sightseeing. Housing arrangements may include home stays, camping, youth hostels, or other group accomodations. Participants experience not only the host country but also make friends with and share common interests with participants from around the world.



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The North Star Rotary Youth Exchange Program is primarily funded by local Rotary club scholarship fundraising and district support. Students pay a flat fee that varies based on the type of exchange. Please check our website for pricing. Need-based financial aid is available. You & your family will cover passport, travel and insurance fees, as well as souvenirs and personal expenses.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Begin by visiting our website where you can find information about Rotary Youth Exchange and the online application. Priority placement is given to applications that are submitted by December 1. Additional applications will be accepted until March 1. Applicants will participate in an in-person interview.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Accepted applicants' responsibilities:

- Obtain a passport
- Purchase insurance
- Make travel arrangements
- Learn about your host country - language and customs
- Meet with your local Rotary Club president to obtain sponsor club signatures for your application
- Abide by Rotary Rules both at home and abroad
- Be an ambassador for your Rotary Club and your country

Host Club responsibilities:

- Conduct host family approval orientation interview
- Host students at a club meeting

Family to Family Exchange - Family responsibilities:

- Plan activities while hosting
- Abide by host family rules
- Encourage your exchange partner to be an active member of your family