

Rotary Youth Exchange welcomes your interest in hosting a secondary school exchange student. This is a unique opportunity for your family to experience first-hand the richness and diversity of a different culture. Students are expected to become participating members of the host family. They are required to attend a local secondary school arranged by Rotary. At times there will be some commitments to attend their host Rotary Club and District activities.

As exchanges are reciprocal so as to select a local student to participate in the program we require families to host an inbound student. The student's exchange is always during the home school year. Because of this variation from the Australian school year, the inbound exchange commences from mid to late July. The total hosting period to be covered is typically 50 weeks. The hosting period for each host family is for a period of 3-4 months and is flexible in both duration and timing to be mutually agreeable to those host families involved for each student.

The host family and often their extended family and friends plays an integral role in offering the student the experience of a new culture and language, whilst at the same time learning about a different culture from the student.

Types of Families that are typical hosts for exchange students

- Families that do not already have a connection to Rotary
- Families where they have a Rotarian Member
- Families with small children may make great host families because young children get the experience of having a big brother or sister and the younger siblings assist with the exchange students language skills.
- Families with high school aged children because host brothers and sisters can quickly get the student involved in school and community activities.
- Retired couples/grandparents are great too because they may have more time to spend with their student and enjoy having a younger person around the house for company and social activities.
- A single host parent family with or without a child in the home also can make a great host parent as the exchange student provides company and engagement in different community and school activities.

Any host family once an application has been received will be interviewed for suitability and must be approved by Rotary and must satisfy requirements of working with children legislation, personal referees and Rotary International policy.

What makes hosting a Rotary Exchange Student a good choice?

Rotary insists that students have a good academic standard, some spoken English as well as an ability to act as an ambassador for Rotary, themselves and their national country. All students will receive an orientation program, which prepares them for their exchange year both prior to departure and after arrival. This training is provided in areas of public speaking, understanding cultural differences, getting on with people and respect for their new family and community.

Will you have access to Support?

The Rotary support network of Clubs, Student Counsellors, District Counsellors and the District Youth Exchange Committee provide close contact and a team of support structure second to none in student exchange programs. Each participating Club is your first contact of support and follow up for the many aspects of the program.

If you think that you and your family would be interested in assisting Rotary by volunteering to be a host family for a flexible period of twelve to sixteen weeks and at a mutually agreeable time or times, please complete the application form on the next page. Rotary will then contact you to further discuss, provide more information and organise an approval interview.



HOST FAMILY APPLICATION/EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Rotary Youth Exchange invites kind and caring Host Families within the community of Rotary and the wider community to assist local Rotary Clubs to offer an outstanding exchange program to young people from all over the World. If you would like to nominate for consideration, Rotary will consider your application, arrange an interview and discuss the program so everyone understands the requirements and the significance of being a host parent.

EVERY PERSON AT/ABOVE THE AGE OF 18 LIVING AT THE SAME RESIDENCE AS THE EXCHANGE STUDENT WILL REQUIRE A CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD. YOUR ROTARY CLUB WILL INFORM YOU WHAT THE NECESSARY STEPS ARE!

Name of Applicant		Name of Spouse/Partner	
Home Address-Street		Home Address-Street	
City or Suburb or Town	PCODE	City or Suburb or Town	PCODE
Home Phone	Mobile Phone	Home Phone	Mobile Phone
Email Address		Email Address	
Occupation		Occupation	
Are you a Member of Rotary Club?		Are you a Member of Rotary Club?	

Age Group: Applicant: over 25 over 35 over 45 over 55 over 65
 Spouse/Partner over 25 over 35 over 45 over 55 over 65

Children's Name	M/F	Age	Living at Home Y/N	School Attending

Do you have preferred hosting period? YES/NO

July/Aug - October	
November - January	
February - April	
April - July	

We can receive a male or female student? YES/NO

Male	
Female	
No Preference	

Briefly indicate your main reasons for wishing to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program

Describe any hosting experiences you had had, if any?

Signature of Applicants	Applicant	Spouse/Partner	Date
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Please return completed form to: D9465 Youth Exchange, Email to: yepsec9465@gmail.com, yepchair9465@gmail.com or your Local Rotary Club