



Host Family Application

Short Term Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange, District _____

(Adult Members must also complete Volunteer Application V-1)



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Thank you for your interest in this program. The form that follows this introduction is interactive. Save it on a computer and complete it there. Just type name for signature.

The Role of a Host Family for a Short Term Exchange

The Short Term Exchange Program

Short Term Exchange visits for high school age students from different countries are organized by various Rotary Districts throughout the world. Matched students from different countries exchange visits during school vacation, usually for three or four weeks each way. Students travel on tourist visas. However, students are under the care of sponsor and host Rotary Districts and must follow prescribed rules and regulations. Families of student participants must also follow regulations of the program. In particular, in addition to this application to host, adult members of the host family who will be living in the host home during the exchange must pass criminal background checks.

A Summary of Host Family Responsibilities

The host family is a critical element in any cultural exchange program for youth, providing a first-hand opportunity to experience a new culture and to help others to better understand the culture that they represent. The Rotary program is distinct from other exchange programs because it is operated completely by volunteers around the world. Each student participant and each host family is carefully selected and actively supported by Rotary volunteers within their own community. Host families are in close contact with volunteers from a local Rotary club and Rotary district who will guide and assist them throughout their experience.

Hosting a student can be an extremely rewarding experience for everyone in a family, but of course, there are responsibilities. Most are natural since they are what a family would expect to do for one of its own children. Following is a list of responsibilities a family would want to consider in accepting the role of a host family.

Before the student arrives:

- Participate in training and orientation sessions provided by program representatives.
- Establish communication with the student.
- Understand the program rules that the student must follow.
- Know how to contact program representatives and community services in case of an emergency.

During the exchange:

- Provide a safe, welcoming environment to encourage the development of trust and friendship between the student and host family.
- Help the student feel like a part of the family, with the same privileges and obligations.
- Gently help the student adjust to the ways of the family household and the new culture.
- Provide room and board for the student. All students must have their own bed. If they must share a bedroom, then it must be with a child of the same gender.
- Ensure the student knows how to contact family members, friends, and other support networks.
- In case of an emergency, know how to access and use the student's insurance policy.
- Voice any concerns and questions regarding the student to his/her Rotary counselor, including serious homesickness, difficulty adapting to family life, or illness.
- Maintain close contact with the host club, and address problems and concerns quickly.
- Exercise supervisory and parental responsibility to ensure the student's well being.
- Encourage involvement in community life by introducing the student to neighbors, friends, and local groups.
- Help the student understand the local culture, and take an interest in the culture of the student's home country.
- Advise the student about matters related to family, friends and community.

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Host Family Profile

Host Family Name and Address

Host Family Name (e.g. John and Mary SMITH)		Home Phone	Home E-mail	
Street	City	State	Zip	

Prior Residence (Only if less than five years at current address)

Street	City	State	Zip	Years at this address
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Household Occupants (other than host parents) – Please list all

Name (First, middle, last)	Relationship	Birth Date (e.g. 25/Jan/1981)	Gender	Full Time or Part Time
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Relevant Experience for Hosting

Have you been a Host Family before? Yes No If yes, when and where?

What language(s) is spoken in the home?

If any family member speaks another language, please name the person and the language (e.g. John – Spanish, Sue – German)

If any family member has lived in another country, please name the person and the country(s), and indicate how long

Describe usual family activities (For example: Camping, traveling, shopping, sporting events, art, music, etc.)

Describe the special interest or hobby of greatest interest for each member of the family. (For example: Father – Golf, Mother – Bridge, John – Baseball, Mary – School Band, etc.)

Food and Diet

Does any host family member follow dietary restrictions? If so, name the person(s) & describe the restrictions

Do you expect the student to follow a dietary restriction prescribed by you? If so, please describe it

Would it be a problem for your family if your matched student were a vegetarian, vegan, or follows another strict diet? If so, please explain.

Home Description

Home Type (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Single family home	<input type="checkbox"/> Duplex	<input type="checkbox"/> Apartment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile home	<input type="checkbox"/> Condominium
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Home Features (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Formal Living Room	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Living Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Dining Room/Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/> Laundry
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Number of bathrooms?	Number of bedrooms?
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Matched Student's Bedroom (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Private Bedroom	<input type="checkbox"/> Chest of Drawers Space	<input type="checkbox"/> Closet Space	<input type="checkbox"/> Window
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Note: Students must not share a bed. They may share a room with at most one person of the same gender and compatible age. If the student is to share a bedroom, state the name, gender and age of the student here.

Name	Date of Birth	Gender
		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female

Home amenities to which the student has access (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> TV in Family Room(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Computer	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet	<input type="checkbox"/> Laundry	<input type="checkbox"/> Refrigerator
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List others here (if any):

Family Pets – List type and number of indoor pets and outdoor pets (Dogs, Cats, Birds, etc.)

<u>Indoor Pets</u>	<u>Outdoor Pets</u>

Community Profile

<input type="checkbox"/> Urban	<input type="checkbox"/> Suburban	<input type="checkbox"/> Farm	Population of Community:
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Briefly describe your neighborhood/community:

What local sights and places do you plan to show your matched student? (For example, school, shopping center, parks, museums, historical sites etc.)

What activities are planned while your matched student is visiting here?

Certification: I am a host parent in the host family submitting this application, and I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the contents of this application are accurate and that all members of the family support this application.

Name (Type or print)	Signature or E-signature	Date
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