

What is Rotary Youth Exchange?

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) is a life-changing cultural exchange program for high school students ages 15.5 to 18.5, supported by Rotarians around the world.

Our program allows you to become a part of a new community. You'll live with host families, attend a local school, and experience a new culture firsthand. It's an adventure that fosters personal growth, deepens cultural understanding, and builds friendships that last a lifetime.



Start Your Journey Today!

Whether you want to travel the world or bring the world to you, your journey starts at the local level.

To learn more about becoming an exchange student or a host family, please contact your local Rotary club, or visit CSRYE.org

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A Year of Discovery Awaits



Build Peace and Understanding, One Young Person at a Time.



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For Students: **Your Adventure of a Lifetime!**



Learn a New Language: Become fluent through true immersion, opening doors to new connections.

Discover a New Culture: Live like a local, not a tourist. Understand new traditions, perspectives, and ways of life.

Grow as a Person: Develop independence, self-confidence, and problem-solving skills that will **benefit you for the rest of your life.**

Make Lifelong Friends: Form incredible bonds with your host families, classmates, and fellow exchange students from around the world.

Be an Ambassador: Represent your country and community, helping to build goodwill and a more peaceful world.

ELIGIBILITY

Rotary Youth Exchange programs are open to students ages 15-19. To qualify, applicants should be above-average students who have demonstrated leadership in their community. Candidates should also possess qualities such as flexibility and a willingness to try new things that will enable them to fully experience life in another country and become excellent cultural ambassadors.

All applicants must be sponsored by a local Rotary club and complete a written application and in-person interviews.

LONG-TERM EXCHANGES

Usually last one year, during which you attend school and live with families in your host country. To gain a greater understanding of the culture, you will live with at least two, preferably three, host families during your stay. To ensure your safety, the host Rotary club conscientiously screens and selects all host families.

For Host Families:

Open Your Home, Open Your World.

Hosting a student is an incredibly rewarding experience that brings the world to your doorstep. You don't need to be a Rotarian to host! As a host family, you will:

- **Learn About a New Culture:** Gain a unique, personal insight into another country's customs, foods, and traditions.
- **Share Your Own Culture:** Show a young person what life is like in your community and share your family's traditions.
- **Build a Lasting Bond:** Gain a new "son" or "daughter" and create a connection that spans the globe and lasts for years to come.
- **See Your Community Through New Eyes:** Rediscover the wonders of your own area as you share them with your student.
- **Make a Global Impact:** Play a direct role in fostering international understanding and peace.

