

Host Families – Information Sheet Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)

Rotary's Motto is *SERVICE ABOVE SELF*. Every Rotarian joins a Rotary Club as a volunteer. The Youth Exchange Program is no different; we depend on volunteers who want to make a difference in a young student's life.

- **We need families** who are willing to host an exchange student (age 15-18.5) for a period of 3-5 months. The families are grouped together and organized through a Rotary Club. This is your opportunity to volunteer and change the life of a young person. The student will attend the same high school for the entire school year so it is important that the 2 or 3 host families are in the same school area.

- **The Host Family needs to have the DESIRE to provide the following:**
 1. **Love** as a family member. The student will be a part of your family, not a guest.
 2. **A Bed** – The student does not to have his/her own room, but we do ask that they have their own bed.
 3. **Food** – We ask that you provide food for the student including lunch while at school, treating the student as you would your own.
 4. **Transportation** – The student will **not** be allowed to drive while in the US. If bus transportation is not available to school, the host family would need to provide that and transportation to other events within reason. Again, we ask that you treat the child as one of your own children.

If you are able to volunteer for this opportunity to change the life of a young person and expose your family to a different culture, **WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

- Go to <https://yehub.net/SC1-hfapp> and complete the online Host Family Application.
 - This can be done on your smartphone, tablet or PC
 - Please note that email addresses and passwords are case sensitive
 - You will need 2 references (email addresses, street addresses & phones)
 - Photos of your home including: student bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, family room, exterior of home & casual family photo – SMALLER FILE SIZES work better)

- **Read A GUIDE FOR HOST FAMILIES**
<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/66101>

- **Watch the following video to see our students:** <https://youtu.be/l7mQq5Q4caM>

- **Training** (3 hours) for every member of the household over the age of 18 will occur over the summer and will be required for all host families. **The dates offered will be June and August of 2023.**

Thank you for agreeing to HOST! Please contact me with any questions at:

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