

# Rotary International District 5280 youth exchange partners\*:

Australia	Mexico
Austria	Norway
Belgium	Paraguay
Brazil	Peru
Chile	Poland
Colombia	Romania
Czech Republic	Slovakia
Denmark	South Korea
France	Spain
Germany	Sweden
Hungary	Switzerland
Italy	Taiwan
Japan	Thailand

\* Destination countries vary year to year. Applying students indicate their top four exchange choices, however, no exchange country is guaranteed.

Congratulations! This is the first step in a most amazing journey!



# rotary youth exchange

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A year in a life. A life in a year.



Rotary Youth Exchange is the oldest continuously running youth exchange program in the world, going all the way back to 1929.

Every year, about 9,000 students between the ages of 15 and 18 are sponsored by Rotary Clubs around the world to spend a year as a high school exchange student in a foreign country.

Rotary International District 5280 is currently accepting applications for exchange students and seeking host families for the 2024/25 exchange year.

- Learn a foreign language
- Experience a different culture
- Make friends around the world
- Become a true global citizen

Reach out for more information:

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<https://rotary5280.org/page/youth-exchange>





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**HOST FAMILIES:** To apply for Rotary Youth Exchange, we require each outbound exchange student to enlist **three families to host** an inbound exchange student. Rotary is a true 1:1 exchange: while your son/daughter is accepted abroad, we will accept a student into our program from another country. **It is the responsibility of the outbound student and his/her family to recruit host families for the inbound exchange student.**

Potential host families will agree to undergo a criminal background check, a home inspection and training to host a child from another country. Hosting a foreign exchange student is a three-to-five-month commitment. The family of the outbound exchange student is often one of the families.

**WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?** Rotary Youth Exchange is open to all qualified young people between the ages of **15 and 18**. This generally includes high school sophomores and juniors. Students must be above average academically and have a spotless disciplinary record. Parents and applicants will be interviewed to determine eligibility and qualifications to be participate and be citizen ambassadors.

**HOW LONG?** Students exchange for a full scholastic year plus a few weeks (approximately ten months).

**WHERE DO STUDENTS LIVE?** Students will live with two to three volunteer host families. Living with more than one family during the year offers the exchange student a deeper and richer cultural experience.

**COST:** The cost varies slightly with each destination country. Some exchange partners require in-country language training, school uniforms, additional vaccinations and so on. Health insurance policies vary in cost from country to country as well. That said, the program for the 2024/25 exchange year will cost around \$6,500. Limited need-based scholarships are available.

Most destination countries also offer special additional 2-4 week trips around the country or continent. These special trips cost extra and are not included in the program fees. Scholarships are not available for these extra trips.

Rotary provides each exchange student a stipend of approximately \$75-\$100 per month of exchange to cover incidentals.

**HOW TO APPLY:** To apply to Rotary Youth Exchange please fill out this form to indicate your initial interest, scan and return to

**RotaryYouthExchange5280@gmail.com**

The District 5280 Youth Exchange Officer will be in touch to speak with you and your parents about youth exchange and send you the long-form application.

**The deadline for the long-form application and payment of a non-refundable \$500 deposit is December 31, 2023.**

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY:

Name of Student:

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Student DOB month/day/year:

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Name of Parent:

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Student Email:

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Parent Email:

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Student Cell Phone Number:

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Parent Cell Phone Number:

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City of Residence:

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Parent Signature:

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