

Applications for 2025/26
due December 2024!

Spend a year as a high school student in another country!

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youth
exchange



Level up IRL

- Learn a foreign language
- Experience a different culture
- Make friends around the world
- Become a true global citizen
- Be an ambassador for peace

Time to go global, fam!



Rotary International District 5280 youth exchange partner countries*:

* Destination countries vary year to year. Applying students indicate their top four exchange choices. No exchange country is guaranteed.

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| Australia | France | Peru |
| Austria | Germany | Poland |
| Belgium | Hungary | Romania |
| Brazil | Italy | Slovakia |
| Chile | Japan | South Korea |
| Croatia | Mexico | Spain |
| Czechia | New Zealand | Sweden |
| Denmark | Norway | Switzerland |
| | Paraguay | Taiwan |
| | | Thailand |

Want to level up your life IRL? Imagine living in a totally different country for a year, meeting new people, learning a new language, and having crazy adventures that would never just fit into an IG story. Rotary Youth Exchange gives you that **once-in-a-lifetime** chance to see the world from a whole new perspective. You'll make friends from all over the globe, get major independence vibes, and come back with stories you wouldn't believe. Plus, youth exchange looks amazing on your resume for whatever comes next. 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 are sponsored by Rotary Clubs around the world to spend a year as high school exchange students in foreign countries as part of Rotary's mission to build peace and understanding.

Rotary International District 5280 is currently accepting applications for exchange students between the ages of **15 and 18** for the **2025/26** exchange year. Parents and applicants will be interviewed to determine eligibility. Gap year exchanges for students who have already graduated high school are available in some countries.

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

You in?

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Opportunity of a lifetime.

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, juniors and seniors. Students must be above average academically and have a spotless disciplinary record. Parents and applicants will be interviewed to determine eligibility and qualifications to participate to become **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.

HOW MUCH DOES EXCHANGE 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 being said, the program for the 2025/26 exchange year will cost around **\$6,500**. Limited needs-based scholarships are available.

Rotary Youth Exchange is an all-volunteer program. Rotary does not earn anything on youth exchange, nor do they pay families to host. Comparable for-profit programs cost around \$20,000-\$25,000!

TRAVEL AND TOURISM?: 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.

DONATED STIPEND: Rotary provides each exchange student a stipend of approximately \$75-\$100 per month of exchange to cover incidentals. This stipend is donated by Rotary and is not part of the program fees.



Make a world of difference.

Hosting an international student with Rotary Youth Exchange is a unique opportunity to bring the world into your home, to share your culture and traditions while gaining invaluable global insights. Hosting is so much more than a temporary arrangement; it's about creating lasting connections, expanding perspectives, and filling your family's lives with new experiences and unforgettable memories. Imagine exploring local customs together, sharing daily meals, and gaining fresh viewpoints—all while helping a young person thrive in a new country. By opening your home, you're not only giving a student the chance to grow but also making a powerful difference in your own life and the world at large.

Rotary Youth Exchange stands out from other programs because it offers a deeper experience by placing students with two to three different families over their exchange year. These multiple placements allow for a richer cultural immersion, as students build a network of families who support them. Should a host family face an unexpected change, like travel or illness, this network helps ensure continuity and support for both the student and the families.

Rotary Welcomes All Types of Families as Host Families:

- Families with children at home
- Divorced parents with shared custody
- Single parents
- Single individuals without children
- Same-sex couples
- Retirees and "empty nesters"
- Families of any ethnic, cultural, or religious background

Be a Host Hero!

As part of the Rotary Youth Exchange, each student accepted into the program needs three host families to support another inbound student, creating a true 1:1 exchange. Your commitment as a host family helps ensure that your own child, as an outbound student, will be welcomed abroad by other families. To facilitate the hosting process, Rotary provides all prospective families with a full orientation, including a criminal background check, home inspection, and training. The initial commitment is for three to five months, during which your family will receive the full support of Rotary counselors trained to address any needs, large or small.

Rotary Youth Exchange takes youth protection and support very seriously. Each exchange student is backed by a team fluent in multiple languages and skilled in international student support. In addition, a rapid response team of therapists, law enforcement, youth protection experts, and State Department specialists is always ready to assist in any unexpected event.

By opening your home, you offer not just a place to stay but an experience of belonging and growth—one that has a lasting impact on your family, your student, and the world.



¡Las solicitudes para 2025/26 se vencen en diciembre de 2024!

¡Pasa un año como estudiante de secundaria en otro país!

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- ## ¡Subete de nivel
- Aprende un idioma extranjero
 - Vive una cultura diferente
 - Haz amigos de todo el mundo
 - Conviértete en un verdadero ciudadano global
 - Sé un embajador de paz

¡Vamos a dar el salto al mundo, gente!

¿Quieres llevar tu vida al siguiente nivel en la vida real? Imagina vivir en un país completamente diferente durante un año, conociendo gente nueva, aprendiendo un nuevo idioma, y viviendo aventuras tan locas que no cabrían en una historia de IG. Rotary Youth Exchange te da esa oportunidad única en la vida de ver el mundo desde una perspectiva completamente nueva. Harás amigos de todo el mundo, ganarás mucha independencia, y volverás con historias que ni tú mismo vas a creer. Además, un intercambio juvenil se ve increíble en tu currículum para lo que venga después. Rotary Youth Exchange es el programa de intercambio juvenil más antiguo en funcionamiento continuo en el mundo, ¡existe desde 1929! Cada año, unos 9,000 estudiantes son patrocinados por clubes Rotarios en todo el mundo para pasar un año como estudiantes de intercambio en el extranjero, como parte de la misión de Rotary de fomentar la paz y el entendimiento.

Rotary International Distrito 5280 está aceptando solicitudes para estudiantes de intercambio de entre 15 y 18 años para el año de intercambio 2025/26. Los padres y los solicitantes serán entrevistados para determinar su elegibilidad. También hay intercambios disponibles en algunos países para estudiantes que ya se hayan graduado de la preparatoria.



Países socios del programa de intercambio juvenil del Distrito 5280 de Rotary International*:

* Los países de destino varían de año en año. Los estudiantes que aplican indican sus cuatro primeras opciones de intercambio. No se garantiza un país de intercambio.

Australia	Alemania	Polonia
Austria	Hungría	Rumania
Bélgica	Italia	Eslovaquia
Brasil	Japón	Corea del Sur
Chile	México	España
Croacia	Nueva Zelanda	Suecia
Chequia	Noruega	Suiza
Dinamarca	Paraguay	Taiwán
Francia	Perú	Tailandia

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