



Rotary District 6080 Youth Exchange

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Dear Potential Host Family:

We want to thank you for your willingness to share your home (and your hearts) with one of our Inbound Students. We have found that these students are generally intelligent, mature, interesting, and adventuresome young adults who bring a wonderful new dimension into the homes of their host families. We hope that you find hosting one of our students to be a positive experience and we appreciate your willingness to help us achieve Rotary's goal of world peace and understanding, by building this "bridge of friendship" with a student from a different country.

Rotary is committed to providing a safe environment for all students who participate in the Youth Exchange Program. For that reason we take the selection of host families very seriously. We require all potential host families to complete an in-depth Host Family Application (HFA), provide references and agree to criminal background checks. In addition, a Rotary Volunteer will visit your home to conduct a personal interview and take pictures. And, after you have been accepted as a host family, he/she will provide you with a comprehensive orientation and give you a Host Family Manual, which provides general information and addresses a variety of issues that may come up during the exchange. He/she will also maintain routine contact with you – and your student - throughout the time you are hosting to ensure that the experience is a positive one for both your family and the student.

We realize that filling out this application will take some time and may seem to be somewhat intrusive. However, we are **required** by the U.S. Department of State to collect this information and follow specific procedures to retain our certification to operate our Youth Exchange program.

Once we have received your application, checked your references and conducted criminal background checks of all members of your household over the age of 18, you will be provided with a copy of your student's full application. We would encourage you to begin communications with him/her as soon as possible.

Please know that we (the District Youth Exchange Committee, your student's Inbound Counselor, and the members of the host Rotary Club) will all be available to assist you throughout the year.

If, at any time, you have questions, please feel free to contact any of us.

In the Spirit of Rotary,

Local Rotary Club Counselor / Officer

Rotary District 6080 Youth Exchange Committee

Service Above Self, He Profits Most Who Serves Best.

HOST FAMILY APPLICATION- ROTARY DISTRICT 6080

Student's Name: _____ Rotary Club: _____

Hosting Preference: [] 1st (Fall) [] 2nd (Winter) [] 3rd (Spring) Gender Preference: [] M [] F [] Either

Rotary Club Contact's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Host Mother: (Full Name, as appears on driver's license)	Rotarian: [] Y [] N
Email:	Mobile Tel:
Level of Education:	
Employer:	Job Title:
Work Contact:	Telephone No:
Host Father: (Full Name, as appears on driver's license)	Rotarian: [] Y [] N
Email:	Mobile Tel:
Level of Education:	
Employer:	Job Title:
Work Contact:	Telephone No:

Is this a single parent household? [] Y [] N

Home Mailing Address:	Physical Home Address (if different from mailing address):
Home Telephone:	Is the residence the site of a functioning business? e.g. Daycare, Farm [] Yes [] No If so, describe:

If children or others living in the home work full time, please indicate employer, job title and point of contact on reverse.

List all children:						
Full Name	Gender	DOB	Years of Education	Profession	Living in Home?	
_____	[] M [] F	_____	_____	_____	[] FT [] PT [] No	
_____	[] M [] F	_____	_____	_____	[] FT [] PT [] No	
_____	[] M [] F	_____	_____	_____	[] FT [] PT [] No	
_____	[] M [] F	_____	_____	_____	[] FT [] PT [] No	
List FULL name and other information for all other persons living in your home:						
Full Name	Relationship	DOB	Years of Education	Profession	Living in Home?	
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	[] FT [] PT	
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	[] FT [] PT	
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	[] FT [] PT	

Have you hosted a student before: [] Y [] N Will your child be an Outbound student when you are hosting? [] Y [] N

Language(s) spoken in the home? _____

List number and type(s) of family pets: _____

Describe relevant behavioral or characteristic traits of any household member that could affect the successful integration of the exchange visitor into the household:

Family Activities: List activities/sports and special interests for each family member: (e.g. camping, hiking, dance, crafts):

Organizations and clubs to which your family belongs:

Describe your expectations regarding the responsibilities and behavior of the student while in your home (e.g., homework, household chores, curfew (school night and weekend), access to refrigerator and food, drinking of alcoholic beverages, driving, smoking, computer/Internet/E-Mail):

Religious affiliation: (*not required*): _____ I would prefer to keep my religious affiliation private: [] Y [] N

Would your family be willing to host a student whose religious beliefs are different from yours? [] Yes [] No

Of note, a host family may want the exchange visitor to attend one or more religious services or programs with the family. The exchange visitor cannot be required to do so, but may decide to experience this facet of US culture at his/her discretion.

Identify those personal expenses expected to be covered by the student:

The Home: Describe your home (e.g. single family, condominium, duplex, apartment etc) and describe primary rooms and bedroom. Photographs will need to be taken of your home and must include the exterior and grounds, kitchen, student's bedroom, student's bathroom and family and living areas (Note: photographs are **required** by the U.S. Dept. of State).

Number of bathrooms: _____ Will Student share a bedroom [] Yes [] No With whom?: _____

Describe the Student's Bedroom: _____

Indicate utilities to which the student will have access: [] Computer [] Internet [] Phone [] HVAC

Diet: Does anyone in the family follow any dietary restrictions? [] Yes [] No

If Yes, describe: _____.

Do you expect the student to follow any dietary restrictions? [] Yes [] No If Yes, describe:

Would you be willing to host a student who follows a particular dietary restriction (vegetarian, etc)? [] Yes [] No

Are you willing to provide three quality meals daily – including providing for lunch at school? [] Yes [] No

School: High School the Student will attend: _____ [] Private [] Public

Physical Address: _____ Telephone _____

Name and Email address of School Official: _____

Approximate size of school: _____ Approximate Distance between School and your home: _____

Approximate start date of school: _____ How will the student get to school: (e.g. bus, carpool, walk) _____

Which of your children will attend the school in which the exchange student will enroll? _____

List sports/clubs/activities that your children participate in at the school:

Does any member of your home work for the high school in a coaching/teaching or administrative capacity? [] Yes [] No

If yes, describe: _____

Has anyone in your home had contact with a coach regarding hosting this student related to athletic ability? [] Yes [] No

If yes, please describe the contact and sport: _____

Would your family be willing to provide transportation for extracurricular activities after school/ in evenings? [] Yes [] No

Community: In what type of community is your home: (e.g. urban, suburban, rural, farm) _____

Website for your community: _____ Approximate population: _____

Briefly describe your neighborhood and community, including points of interest (parks, museums, historical sites, etc):

Areas near your home to be avoided? _____

Nearest Major City: _____ Distance: _____ Population: _____

Nearest Airport: _____ Distance: _____

How did you learn about being a host family? _____

Why are you interested in hosting an exchange student?

The local Rotary Volunteer will assist you if there are any portions of the application about which you are unsure.

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Average Annual Household Income: (please check one) The income data collected will be used solely for the purposes of ensuring that the basic needs of the exchange students can be met, including three quality meals a day and transportation to and from school activities.

- Less than \$25,000 \$25,000-\$35,000 \$35,000-\$45,000 \$45,000-\$55,000
- \$55,000-\$65,000 \$65,000-\$75,000 \$75,000 or above

Does anyone residing in the home receive any kind of public assistance? Y N If yes, describe on reverse side.

Criminal History:

Has any member of your household ever been charged with any crime? Yes No If yes, explain on reverse side.

Has any member of your household ever been subject to any court order involving any sexual, physical or verbal abuse including but not limited to any domestic violence or civil harassment injunction or protective order? Yes No
If Yes, describe in full on reverse side. Indicate date(s) of crime(s) and in which city and state each took place.

The following information is required in order to conduct reference checks and criminal background checks on **all members of the household, who are 18 years or older**. This information will remain confidential and will not be shared with anyone.

Waiver/Consent/Release: I certify that all of the statements in this application, and in any attachments hereto, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I have not withheld any information that would affect the application unfavorably, if disclosed. I understand that any omission of facts or misrepresentations will result in my elimination from consideration for any volunteer position with the Rotary District 6080 Youth Exchange Program or its affiliates. I further certify that I understand that Rotary District 6080 Youth Exchange program's intent is to deny a position to anyone convicted of a crime of violence or a crime against another person. I waive any right to assert that such an investigation or request constitutes an invasion of my privacy. I recognize that such inquiries are in the interest of all persons involved in the Rotary District 6080 Youth exchange program, and I fully consent to such investigations. In consideration of my acceptance and participation in the Youth Exchange Program, I, to the full extent permitted by law, hereby release and agree to save harmless and indemnify, all members, officers, directors, committee members and employees of the participating Rotary Clubs and District, and of Rotary International, from any or all liability for any loss, property damage, personal injury or death, including any such liability which may arise out of the negligence of any of the Indemnitees, which may be suffered or claimed by me as a result of an investigation of my background in connection with the application or participation in the Youth Exchange program. I further agree to conform to the rules, regulations and policies of Rotary International, the Rotary District 6080 Youth Exchange program and its affiliates, and understand that my service can be modified or terminated, with or without notice or cause, at any time, at the option of either the Rotary District 6080 Youth Exchange program or its affiliations, or at my option. I understand and agree that the Rotary District 6080 Youth Exchange Program or its affiliates may, in their sole discretion, decline to accept my application for volunteer services with or without cause. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above waiver/consent/release and that I sign this form voluntarily.

Host Father's Signature: _____ DOB: _____

Host Father's Social Security Number: _____

Host Mother's Signature: _____ DOB: _____

Host Mother's Social Security Number: _____

Other Adult's Signature: _____ DOB: _____

Other Adult's Social Security Number: _____

Other Adult's Signature: _____ DOB: _____

Other Adult's Social Security Number: _____

THREE PERSONAL REFERENCES FOR YOUR FAMILY: (Cannot be relatives or current Rotarians)

Name:	Relationship	Contact	Information-Phone or E-Mail
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

